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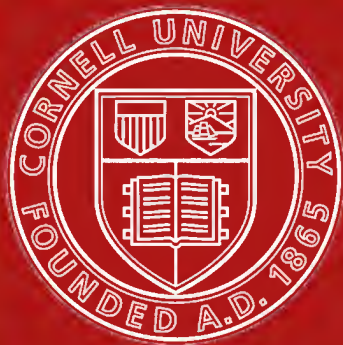
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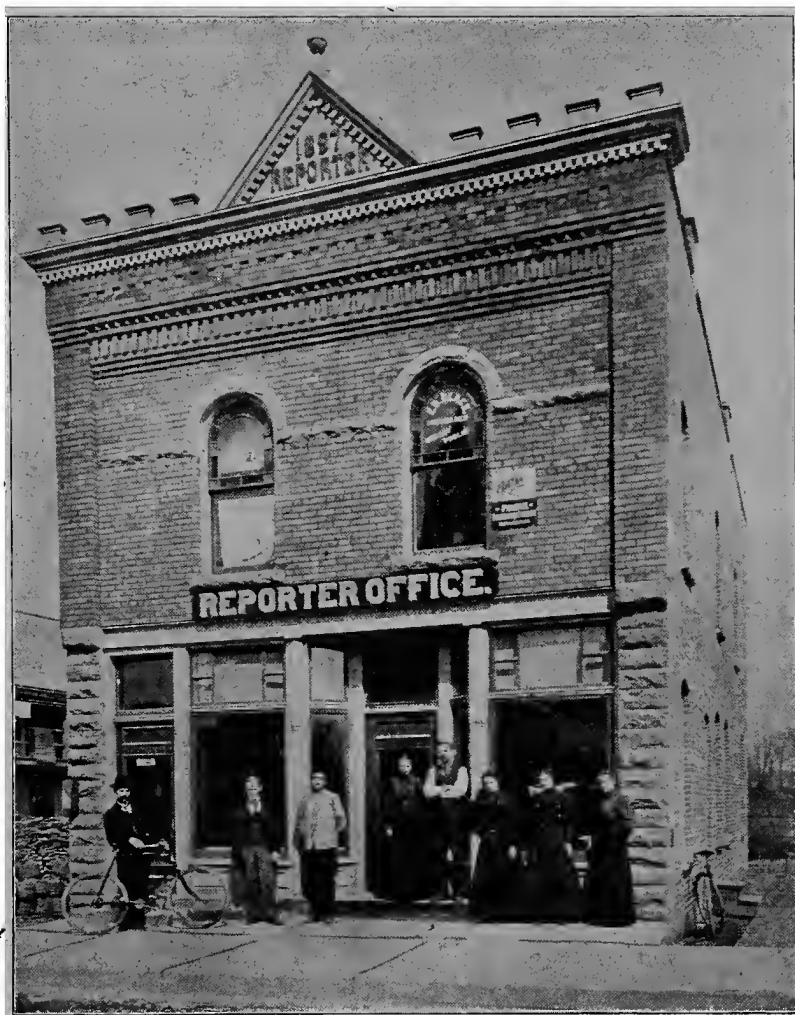
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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

A Brief History of Whitney's Point From Early Times to the Present.

BY MRS. G. R. SEYMOUR.

THIS VILLAGE is situated in one of the most charming valleys of the Empire State, at the junction of the Tioughnioga and Otselic Rivers. The Indians who once hunted over the hills and valleys of this section left traces of their occupancy in stone arrow heads and other implements that have been unearthed by the farmer's plow.

The first white settler was General John Paterson, who came here from Massachusetts with his family in 1791 and built a house at the junction of the rivers, near the site of the Beach House ruins. He was followed the next year by David and John Seymour. David owned what has been known for many years as the Graves

He also started the first store in the place. He lived in the old "Whitney House" on Main Street, which was destroyed in the fire. It stood on the site of the Biddlecom block. William Whitney lived in a house that stood on the site of the Hopkins block, on Collins Street.

Thomas Whitney kept the first tavern in the place. He was also the first postmaster, being appointed to that office when the post-office was established here February 24th, 1824.

The village or settlement had been called Paterson's Point or Paterson's Settlement until the establishment of



VIEW OF RUINS LOOKING NORTH FROM M. E. CHURCH—In the distance at the right are seen the Fair Grounds, in the center the Collins Farm, and on the right Page's Egg Houses and other buildings.

Their most enduring memorial, however, is left in the names of our beautiful rivers. Although supposed to be very unimaginative as a people, they certainly had some taste for poetical names, as is signified in the euphony of the name Tioughnioga, compared with its translation in English, which is said to be "Shagbark Hickory."

Collins farm, and John Seymour settled on the farm now occupied by Henry A. Seymour.

The first election held in this place was held in John Seymour's house.

In 1802 Thomas and William Whitney came here from Binghamton. Thomas engaged with others in building a bridge over the Tioughnioga.

the post-office when it was called Whitney's Point. General Paterson died in 1808, and as his sons had left this section of the country there was no one to put in a plea for the original name.

Early recognizing the importance of education, the village pioneers started a district school in 1793 with Martha



Main Street in 1863, Looking West.

Seymour as teacher. Since that time educational advantages have continually progressed until we now point with pride to our High School and the roll of its alumni records names prominent in every profession, and in almost all parts of the world.

Religious services were held in the school house and the Presbyterian Church at Lisle, that last year celebrated its centennial, was organized by a little band of the faithful in the school house at the "Point." The Presbyterian and Methodist churches were the first ones built here, about 1841. The Baptist church was organized the next year.

The Broome County Agricultural Society has held its yearly fair on the grounds bordering the Tioughnioga river every fall for the past twenty-eight years, and not a little of the success of the annual exhibition is due to the beautiful grounds and excellent situation.

The farms surrounding the village are models in many respects. The fine buildings, many of them elegant homes, and the thorough tillage, bespeak a land of fertility and industry. A few of them we have in mind are the Merchant place and the farm of Mr. Yale north on the Otselic. To the south, the farms of Franklin and Wm. Beach, the Seymour, Whitney and Parsons farms. On the hills Mr. Alex. Hodges has a fine farm as has also Mr. Cyrus Page and others.

The village as a farm center has had its share of prosperity, while its manufacturing interests are represented by the cutter factory and mills. The village was incorporated in 1871, and has added modern improvements as rapidly as possible. Stone sidewalks are fast taking the place of wood, and electric lights are a luxury compared with tallow candles.

The pioneers did their work faithfully and it is well occasionally to call them to mind and think of those men who have labored "and we have entered into their labors." Only a few of them can be mentioned as samples of the many who have passed on to the other shore, but their work here has remained in clean fertile fields, in stone walls, in bridges, in substantial



SOUTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET, 1863—The first building occupied by G. H. Daniels as Jewelry and Drug Store; up stairs by Jas. Ireland's Harness Shop. Mr. Daniels and "Little" Comfort are seen among others on the steps. The second building was occupied as a store by Lewis Taft, up stairs by Martin & Howland's law office. The third building was occupied by Mercy Beach as a millinery store.

houses and barns, in books and newspapers, in churches and public buildings: but above all and really the foundation of all, is the honest integrity, persevering industry and faithful adherence to duty which the fathers and mothers taught their children, knowing that noble character is the one thing worth having in this world, and its attainment of more value than houses or lands. A few who have left marks on our village record that time has not effaced, have been already mentioned.

General Paterson was a revolutionary hero, and one of the court martial that tried Major Andre, and in the last year of the war one of General Washington's staff officers, showing by this that he was worthy of honor.

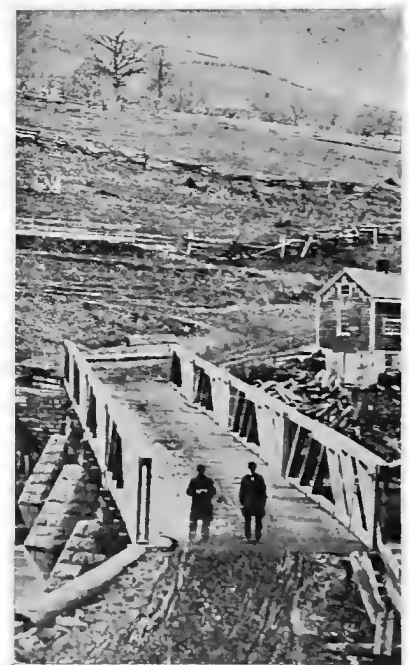
The descendants of John Seymour are still represented among us in Henry Seymour and his son Dr. R. A. Seymour, and the children of Geo. W. and John B. Seymour, though scattered, are well known.

Another branch of the Seymour family was allied with the Patersons by the marriage of Ira Seymour to Ruth Paterson. They lived on the farm now owned by J. P. Corbin, having a fine old homestead at the brow of the hill.

Henry Whitney, son of Thomas Whitney, resided on a farm just below the village, and this is still the "Whitney farm."

Thomas Tabor came from Dutchess County in 1837 and lived on the farm now owned by his son-in-law, J. W. Merchant.

Mulford Northrup lived one mile above the village in Millville, where he was extensively engaged in the tannery business. Mr. Fred Perry, his son-in-law, was associated with him and then succeeded him in the business which was very large at one time, and



WOODEN BRIDGE—Built by Amos and Frank Stickney in 1865, and rebuilt in 1866; Chas. Johnson, Commissioner. A. D. and Leroy Chittenden are seen standing at west end of bridge, and at the east end is seen Jim Bliss' boot and shoe shop, near where the cooper shop now stands.



LOOKING DOWN MAIN STREET IN 1873—From near the corner of S. N. Stone's Hardware Store. The Birdsall Block and Beach House are seen building and nearly completed after the conflagration of 1872.

the fine house of Mr. Perry with the homes of his employees near the great tannery, made a small village of their own.

Graves Collins owned a large amount of land in this village and vicinity. His father, William Collins, came to this county about 1805. Graves Collins married Polly Belcher and their home was on the street bearing his name where Amos Johnson now lives. His son Alonzo succeeded him in business and was living in the Beach House at the time of the great fire.

S. H. Birdsall with his wife came here from Upper Lisle in 1855. He soon engaged in mercantile business and by his steady application and reliability built up an extensive trade. He built a fine house opposite the Collins place on Main Street and was living there at the time of the first fire, April 14, 1872, which burned his store. He rebuilt a block of brick, known as the Birdsall Block, which was again destroyed last spring. Mr. Birdsall died Nov. 11, 1872. Mrs. Birdsall who was a woman of uncommon ability and force of character, died in 1879.

Rev. Henry Ford came from Morristown, N. J., to this place in 1813. He bought the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, C. M. Cook. He was a man of much earnestness and zeal and preached in the Presbyterian Church here and in other places for many years. One of his sons was a missionary in South Africa. He died in 1848.

Dr. Harry Hemingway came from Orange County with his parents in 1815. He was then only ten years of

age. They lived in Nanticoke, and after attending district school he went to Homer and entered the academy there. Later he studied medicine, and in 1837 he settled in Whitney's Point where for many years he was the principal physician.

Stephen N. Stone was born in Exeter, Otsego County in 1838. He came to this town in 1867 and bought of Uriah King the hardware store on the corner of Main Street and Orchard Avenue. Here he continued the business, living over the store for the first few years. His first wife died here. He married the second time Hannah Newman and soon after built the handsome house on Park Street which has since been the family home. He was a man universally esteemed and the patience with which he bore the great trial of a paralytic stroke for four years before his death, August 8, 1888, was convincing proof of his christian character.

O. J. Pratt kept a drug store on Collins Street for several years before 1873, when he began a banking business in connection with it, finally giving this his whole attention for about seven years. When reverses came Mr. Pratt went West, but has lately been living in Buffalo.

Mr. Asa Beach, brother of Franklin Beach, went to California during the gold fever excitement; returning after a few years he married Helen Collins and resided where Charles Rogers now lives. He built the hotel on Main Street which was called by his name.

In the troublous days from 1860

to 1865 this part of Northern Broome was not disloyal or slow to respond to the call of its country. Many regiments had soldiers from this place, but the 27th, 189th and 137th were especially remembered as home regiments. There is a long list from this section both of dead and living who belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic and receive honor from those who remember what it meant to leave home, business and friends for the camp and battle field. Col. Milo B. Eldredge was a leader among the volunteers. He had been a teacher here in his younger days and was much loved by his pupils. His genial, kindly nature, as well as brilliant intellect, attracted friends, and he had scores of them, not only among his pupils, but when the time came, among the soldiers. He went into the war as captain of a company in the 137th regiment, but returned its colonel. At the close of the war he lived in this village in a fine house on Park Street. He was editor of the *Broome Gazette* at one time and in 1866 was sent as Member of Assembly to Albany. His health was much broken by the various hardships of war, and he died in the prime of manhood having given the best of himself to his country.

J. Porter Griffin was another soldier who laid health and the most of life in this world on his country's altar. He was a prisoner at Ander-



SALISBURY BLOCK—Built in 1864 by Hiram Salisbury. From photo taken in 1865 by Carns. Then occupied by Charles Wheeler's Hat Store, Carn's Photo Gallery, and the living rooms by Mr. Salisbury and family. The block was afterwards sold to Nelson Baker, then to J. Porter Griffin, who built on to it and named it the Griffin Block.

sonville and the horrors of that captivity never left his mind. His health was broken when he returned, but he lived in the block on the corner of Main and Collins Street where he kept a store for many years before his death.

Alexander McDowell, Esq., a man well-known in the legal profession, came to this village in 1884 and bought the elegant house on Main Street, which was erected by Mrs. Miriam Seymour and where she lived until she went West with her daughter. Mr.

GENERAL TRAINING DAY.

MRS. L. S. JOHNSON.

Young America wonders what the day was and why it was. Many perhaps have a vague idea that it was in some way connected with the civil war, but it died long before that; yet when the first call went out for 75,000 men it was mostly filled by the militia of general training times, for the Secretary of War, a Secessionist, had sent our standing army consisting of

nor had the whole machinery of war arrived at the perfection of to-day. The spirit of invention kindly stood back and waited until this nation, great in purpose, should become great in numbers also, then made its home here. Yet success had not then lulled our forefathers into false security and they determined to be prepared for anything, and the result was a vigorous reconstruction of the militia system, crude before; so the Congress of 1792 passed an act for the enrollment



WHITNEY'S POINT ABOUT 1892—Taken from East Hill during a flood.

McDowell made many improvements on the place and spent his last years very happily in his pleasant home, a picture of which is given elsewhere in this book. He died Dec. 16, 1894. His widow, Mrs. Mary McDowell, and her sister, Miss Fannie Jones, still reside there.

A spirit of progress and enterprise has marked the inhabitants of the village in the past, and when the limited resources of the town failed to satisfy our young people, they went away to broader fields, but they invariably carry with them tender memories of the old home and return eagerly to renew early associations, or to obtain rest for tired bodies and aching hearts in the loved haunts of youthful days. In the social life among us there has ever been unity and kindness, with an almost clannish loyalty for the home place and people.

only 10,755 men, way off to the frontier on some pretext. So it still lived in deeds.

And now we will explain what the day was before even the name becomes obsolete. From 1793 until 1840 General Training Day was the great day of the year and in view of present prospects it had been well if the training had been continued up to 1900. The United States had declared their independence of King George in 1776 and maintained it by a war that lasted until 1783, the most sublime feat ever recorded. Although the enemy had surrendered they were yet enemies for they feared the precedent of a successful Republic. And the United States, devastated by fire and sword, was surrounded by royal territories and Indians incited by the British to war upon the States. And the enemy might sail over again—when they got rested. But their war ships had not the fleetness for surprises

of all able-bodied white male citizens of 18 and under 45 excepting only public officials and those exempt under state laws, judges, clerks of court, clergymen, teachers, physicians and surgeons, superintendents of hospitals, justices of the peace and active firemen. There should be infantry, cavalry and artillery, each man provided with suitable arms and equipments; designating the number and grade of officers for each division by choice or appointed by state. The Governor was Commander-in-chief of state organizations and the President, Commander-in-chief of the several divisions; either empowered to call the militia out in time of emergency, the period of service not to exceed 60 days. The divisions to train on set days and an annual day for the whole army, and that was General Training Day. All over the United States behold, every man a soldier—with

exceptions. On training day there was a penalty for every absent member.

Whitney's Point was an important military centre embracing a wide territory and here General Training was held. The parade ground was on the Charles Seymour flat which then included the railroad tract and a wide space all around, the Homer Smith place about in the center. It was a West Point. General Training Day was a Fourth of July, a County Fair and a Mass Meeting, all rolled into one. The farmers' wagons loaded with apples, pears and plums would arrive by sunrise and range themselves as picket guard, and wagon loads of merchandise, including every useful thing from tinware down to pocket combs; and wagons stacked high with great sheets of hard gingerbread and cards of honey, flanked with barrels of sweet cider and hard cider and every degree of cider; and a great crowd awaiting the coming of the cadets. And when the various divisions of citizen soldiers arrived led by the officers on their war steeds, all erect and gaily marching with uniform step inspired by the strains of fife and drum, it was an event. The cry was not "right this way for down town," but "Attention, Battalion!" and from every direction the sharp command of some officer would ring out "March!" "Halt!" "Present Arms!" "Take Aim!" and the harrowing climax "Fire!" and rocks, hills and woods would resound, for we were not out of the woods yet. The spectators were many and keeping them out of range must have been a difficult feat, especially the women, (like our wild marshals "Back there! Clear the track!") In honor of the day the fathers gave their boys a whole shilling for spending money, so the small boy was largely in evidence. Fired with visions of the future when he should wear epaulettes and stripes and train, but now equipped with a card of gingerbread under each arm, a big slice of bread and honey in hand, pockets bulging with Jews harps, pocket combs, etc., but not with shillings—all gone.

The curtain was rung down on General Training Day about 1840. Perhaps the authorities listened to the lullaby march "Danger past, foes all dead." But training day had its uses for the enemy did return in 1814 with an army of 5,000 and made an attack on Washington, burning the capitol, the President's house and other public buildings, and before that firing on our seamen killing 20, which caused

the declaration of war in 1812. In these cases the militia took part as well as the standing army. The same military law of that time remains in force, with the exception of general training which is now done by voluntary organizations of militia that are encouraged to drill by state hounties.

A VIVID REMEMBRANCE OF GENERAL TRAINING.

RICHFORD, April 22, 1898.

Mr. Brandy—

DEAR SIR: I presume you have heard from old boys of 70 to 80 much of the "General Training" which was such an event for them in the old days when they were younger boys: of the marvel General Hahaway was in our eyes, as he appeared in what seemed to us such a splendid uniform; of the well drilled "rifle companies" and the motley crowd of ununiformed militia, making a great awkward squad.

You have doubtless heard of the crowds that filled the village in the vicinity of the main corner: of the numerous peddlers with their well filled wagons: of the vociferous way in which they called attention to their wares, and the open-mouthed wonder of the surrounding groups. But the special attraction for the boys was the gingerbread, the like of which we have never since seen. A card of that gingerbread well covered with nice honey in the comb was to us the quintessence of gormandizing.

General Training was in those days a greater event to the boys than even the Fourth of July. For weeks they were laying by money for the occasion, and a common question among them was "How much money be you goneter spend gin'ral trainin'?" But all this may be needless for me to say.

Yours truly,

JAMES ALLEN, M. D.



CHARLES JOHNSON.

developing from one small store and postoffice to its present importance. And his is a fair instance of the close connection between a prosperous town and its farming interests. Until quite recently he has always lived on the old family homestead, nearly a century old. In the active years of his life he was one of our largest and most enterprising farmers; as a dairy man taking high rank and some prizes. He gave employment to an army of workers whose aggregate wages during



MAIN STREET IN 1896.

CHARLES JOHNSON.

Charles Johnson has truly had a long experience of practical farming, as that has been his occupation during all the years that this place has been

a term of fifty years exceeded \$18,000, hoard not included, all of which sum no doubt went to help the various industries in town, as also did his own expenditures. He has held some positions of trust and to most of us his

face has been a familiar one for 74 years. He is one of the few left that remembers General Training Day when a boy and furnishes the data for that article in this issue.

His father was Capt. Amos Johnson of the old militia, one of our first settlers who came here from New England nearly a century ago. A man of strong individuality and keen wit. He was a bold leader for he had the courage of his convictions. At the time when drinking liquors was the common custom and refraining the exception he resolved it was an evil and formed himself into a temperance society and had a wide influence in the Washingtonian temperance movement. Before locating here he had in view two tracts of forestland to choose from, one took in the ground where Whitney's Point now stands, and the other the hill land east; he finally chose the highland because he feared the miasma of the marshy lowlands. He was a large factor in the evolution of this town from the wilderness, had the contract for opening the first highway carrying it on to Greene; and was ever active in its establishment of institutions to advance civilization and christianity, notably the Baptist church of which he was a member. He was a boy in Revolutionary times and always kept a lively interest in national affairs, and his original sayings are quoted to this day. He had nine children and has many descendants. He died in 1849.

HORACE W. PARSONS.

The subject of this sketch is now in his seventy-third year, and one of the oldest continuous residents of this section, his life work having been given to agricultural pursuits. He was born March 27, 1826, in the Parsons homestead, a house then located on the flat on the Joseph Parsons farm, the site now being occupied by an orchard. He comes of English ancestry. His father was Lorenzo Parsons and his grandfather, Jacob Parsons, was one of the twelve original owners of the large section of country known as the Boston purchase. Jacob was the second settler in the town of Barker, coming here from Berkshire county, Mass., 109 years ago, when his son Lorenzo was only two years old. Mr. Parsons informs us that Daniel Twiss, Allen Jeffords and the ancestors of Abel Beach, the Stoughtons and the Burghards also came from the same county in Massachusetts.

Horace Parsons has been one of the

largest and most successful farmers in northern Broome during his prime. His place originally contained some 400 acres and for a long time he kept a dairy of about fifty cows besides considerable other stock. His life from his childhood has been spent on



HORACE W. PARSONS.

the old farm about one and one-half miles south of Whitney's Point. Few men can show such a record of constancy and fixed purpose.

Mr. Parsons has held several offices of public trust in which he acquitted himself creditably. For two terms he was Supervisor of the town of Barker, for a long time director of the Broome County Agricultural Society, and for two or three years President of the latter. The society prospered and came out of debt under his management.

Referring to General Training Day which is elsewhere described, he well remembers the occasions, though only a boy at that time, and in a brief visit on the subject spoke of the Colonels, among whom he knew Cols. Shaw, Davison, Twining, Burghardt and Perce of Lisle, and Cols. Parsons, Hyde and Brown of Barker. The "trainings" were generally held at Whitney's Point, though sometimes at Lisle and Binghamton.

Some forty-eight years ago Mr. Parsons was united in marriage to Maria M. Hadsell, daughter of Luther and Clarissa Hadsell. One child died in infancy and three are now living, Charles H., the eldest, runs the old homestead farm, Samuel S. is a merchant in Whitney's Point and Miss Ella resides at home with her parents.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS OF 1858.

There are still a very few copies in existence of the first newspaper published in Whitney's Point. One of them lies before us as we write. It is Vol. 1, No. 1 of the *Broome Gazette*, published June 24, 1858. This particular copy is owned by Jesse Randall but was in the possession of Dr. Gridley. Rouse brothers, of Upper Lisle, have another copy.

This paper gives considerable general, but very little local news, after the fashion of the times. It contains the marriage notices of Alonzo Collins to Miss Helen Northrup, by Rev. A. G. Orton, June 9th; Geo. L. Pollard to Miss Jane E. Morgan, of Nanticoke, by Rev. G. Gates, May 25th; Eugene Potter to Miss Martha Jane Bouton, by Rev. Wm. Gates, June 16th; Dr. F. D. Gridley to Miss P. Fidelia Pierce, by Rev. E. S. Bailey in Brookfield (no date). The Fourth was not to be observed in Whitney's Point, but the "boys" had bought the old Tollgate House and were to burn that the night of the Fifth. The contract for a new bridge had been taken by Amos and Frank Stickney. A footrace was to be run by New York and Binghamton sprinters from Binghamton to Union, for \$75 a side. The teachers' association was to be held at Deposit and "the ferry boat between this place and Brooklyn was run down the river as far as Chenango Forks last week."

There were several business men who advertised—perhaps some unwise ones who did not, but of the latter nothing is known, as they left no record. J. S. Patterson appears to have been one of the leading merchants. His stock included dry goods, boots, shoes, gaiters, buskins, (whatever they may have been) hats, caps, hardware, groceries, paints, oils, etc., right from New York; all of which was offered at the lowest cash prices, and produce taken in exchange. Mr. Patterson is still a resident of Whitney's Point—a man of much education and ability, who still takes a lively interest in public and religious affairs.

M. S. Simmons ran a "Cheap Cash Store." He was located in a building on the east end of the lot later covered by the Birdsall block, and says that "he designs keeping the goods most commonly kept for retail trade at prices to compete with any other house in Broome County, Binghamton stores not excepted." About 1864 Mr. Simmons went to Oil City where he has since been in business with his son

Chas. B. Simmons. He is still living.

E. B. Smith was the jeweler then, and besides repairing kept a full line of clocks, watches and jewelry. He afterwards went to Binghamton in the carriage business, but is thought to have died some years ago.

John Hasleden was the blacksmith, and we believe was one of the best of his day. We knew him well, for he was still in Whitney's Point some twenty years later. He accumulated a comfortable property, but his sad ending in an insane asylum will be regretted by all who remember him.

H. Salisbury had a grocery on the P. O. corner. Later he sold to C. S. Olmstead and built the Salisbury block (a cut of which is shown elsewhere) and which was later known as the Griffin block. Mr. Salisbury is now living in Chicago, but his wife and invalid daughter are residents of Whitney's Point.

S. H. Birdsall announced dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, crockery and hardware, cheap for cash. He was the father of S. E. and H. F. Birdsall, deceased, and became wealthy.

Station agents were evidently something more than coal barons in those days—they seem to have come pretty near being general merchants. Steve Twiss announced a constant supply of the following articles at the depot of the S. B. & N. Y. R. R.: Flour, salt, coal, lime, plaster, cement, butter firkins, potatoes, paints and oils, and that he would pay cash for wool. Mr. Twiss now lives with his son in Cleveland, Ohio. He visited the old scenes twice last summer and is still hale and hearty.

C. E. Martin was attorney and counselor at law, with an office over the brick store. Almost everyone knows his career since and takes pride in his high position. He afterwards went to Binghamton and has lately risen to the position of Judge of the Court of Appeals. He is regarded as one of the best jurists in the State.

F. D. Gridley was an eclectic physician, with "office in the house formerly occupied by Dr. Reed." He removed to Binghamton a few years since, where he has a large practice.

Parker's Exchange was the hotel occupying the site of the later Beach House. All the stages stopped there and a livery was attached.

We cannot refrain from mentioning market prices of 1858: Flour, \$4.75 to \$5.75; corn, 75c; oats, 42c; potatoes, 50c to 75c; butter, 16c to 17c; lard, 12½c; eggs, 12½c; salt, \$1.62½. Not so much different from present prices, except the latter article.

FIRE RECORD OF THE VILLAGE.

D. L. MAXFIELD.

In the brief time and space allotted to this department, little more can be done than to allude to the more prominent fire incidents, giving dates where known or ascertainable.

The first fire of which I have any information, was the burning of Dorman's blacksmith shop, which stood nearly on the site of the house of D. B. Davis on Collins street. Persons who remember this fire say it occurred in 1839. The next fire of any importance was the burning of the hotel barn which stood on the northeast corner of Main and North streets, and the store of Graves Collins which stood on the Northwest corner of said streets; this fire was in 1847.

In November, 1861, the railroad depot burned. During the winter of 1863-4, the shop of John Hasleden standing on the south side of Main street on the site of the house now occupied by Mrs. Hovey was burned, the fire communicating from it to the three story store and dwelling of Wm. Slack which stood on the ground now occupied by the house of John Perkins. Both were entirely consumed.

Early in 1871 the printing office on the first lot east of the residence of John Hasleden was burned; it was occupied at the time by Alph S. Foote. In the spring of 1872 the Exchange Hotel, occupied by John Bixby, standing on the Beach House site, took fire and was entirely consumed, together with the store of S. H. Birdsall, which stood on the first lot on the west, also the store built by M. S. Simmons on the northeast corner of Main and North streets, and then owned by C. A. S. Heath. The house of George R. Seymour standing in the rear of these two stores was considerably damaged. In 1875 the Beach House barn was burned with most of its contents. In 1876, on Thanksgiving night, the house and barn of C. N. Cunningham were discovered to be on fire under most mysterious circumstances, the barn and contents including a horse, was entirely destroyed; but little damage was done the house.

About 1875 the building formerly occupied as a Catholic church on Main street, now the site of the residence of the late M. Waggoner, was burned. It was occupied as a bowling alley by Barton & Green.

In 1882 the sash and blind factory of Alonzo Collins, erected by Snook, Collins & Co., opposite the depot, was

burned with a large quantity of lumber, materials and machinery. It was rebuilt by Collins, Rhinevault & Arnold, and is now owned by George I. Gardner.

In 1879 the residence of E. B. Black on Park street was partially destroyed by a fire which broke out in the day time from a defective chimney.

On February, 1889, the Andrews Block on Main street, opposite the Rogers Hotel, took fire early in the evening and was entirely consumed. It was occupied by Ora Jackson and A. B. Davies. September 1st, 1896, the Nioga Block owned by W. L. Mersereau on Main street, was burned. It was occupied in part by Mrs. George Love as tenant.

On April 23d, 1897, occurred the great and only conflagration, of which more is found in another column.

In March, 1898, the milk depot burned, which completes the list.

The following minor fires of which only mention can be made, also occurred: Fort Hall in 1862, Perry Adams' shop three times, dates not known; barn of Alonzo Collins July 4, 1875; barn of Rufus Park April, 1877; house of Mrs. Caton about 1874; barn of A. McDowell 1890; barn of S. Twiss about 1860; the engine house at the wagon factory, twice, dates unknown.

There may have been others, but as some of the territory described has been burned over two or three times, let us hope there may be less in the future.

WHITNEY'S POINT.

BY JESSE RANDALL.

Whitney's Point derived its name from Gen. Joshua Whitney, the enterprising and efficient agent of Mr. William Bingham, to whom the city of Binghamton owes its origin. Gen. Whitney was born in the town of Hillsdale, Columbia county, N. Y., August 24, 1773, and was the son of Judge Joshua and Hannah (Green) Whitney. He was married twice. Thomas, the third child of his first marriage, came to Whitney's Point and engaged in the mercantile business and was elected Justice of the Peace. William, the youngest child, kept hotel where the Hopkins lot is. There are now a few of his descendants in this vicinity. The good name of Whitney's Point went unchallenged until 1820, when Nat Odd had a little ill feeling and wanted to call it Tinker Point. The feeling soon passed off however, and its name remained the same. Again in 1868 a few tried to change the name to Patterson or Nioga. But the better element stood by Whitney's Point and to-day the people are proud of its great business blocks and the live business men. There are some also, who have left here and proved prosperous business men elsewhere, viz: Louis I. Seymour, Junius F. Cook, Thomas Randall, David Smith, and others.

We hope that Gen. Whitney's great name will be held in remembrance in the time to come.

THE GREAT CONFLAGRATION.

**The Business Portion of the Town Reduced to Ashes—Loss \$200,000,
Insurance About \$80,000.**

EXACTLY A YEAR has passed since the great conflagration swept Whitney's Point, and as we take up our pencil to write we feel totally inadequate for the task. But it was the principal purpose of this paper to make a permanent record of that event and to show the great progress made in rebuilding during one short year.

that a lighted stub thrown into the box during the day or evening set the saw dust afire and after smouldering well into the night burst into a blaze and fired the building. It has been currently reported that two parties who passed the building at different hours in the earlier part of the night, noticed an unusual odor, and one partly investigated, but discovered nothing wrong.

merchandise they could from the buildings, only in some cases to have them burn in the street, or to have to move farther and farther as the flames advanced, until some began to wonder if any safe place existed. Household goods, store goods, etc., were mixed in inextricable confusion.

At first no wind seemed to be blowing and it was reported a quiet night elsewhere, but the heat soon created a draft and the great mass of flames and sparks and smoke swayed back and forth as if in a stiff breeze, though in no particular direction. Some idea of the force may be realized when it is



GENERAL VIEW OF THE BURNED DISTRICT—Looking from Hill East of the Village.

It was well towards morning on the memorable day of April 23d, 1897, when our citizens were awakened by an alarm of fire. It commenced in the basement of the Griffin block, probably in the room occupied by W. R. Waugh as a harness shop. There are several theories as to how it originated and the true facts may never be known, but the one which seems most probable, is this: Mr. Waugh used for a cuspidore a box, containing saw dust, into which were thrown bits of leather, cigar stubs, etc. It is thought

One who was first at the fire says that a well directed effort with a bucket brigade would have squelched the flames, but men are excited at such times and the windows were broken open creating a draft before enough water had been brought to prove effectual. The hand engine was soon brought to the scene, and later the steamer, but the fire steadily gained and soon spread to adjoining buildings. A scene of pandemonium reigned, such as no pen could do justice to. People rapidly moved what goods and

known that ashes from sparks were found on hill farms three miles away, and partly burned shingles were found half a mile north of town.

Early in the course of the fire Chief Engineer Shanley saw that we were powerless to cope with the flames and asked assistance from outside. One steamer company came from Hallstead, another from Binghamton and another from Marathon, but when they arrived the fire was at its height and going in many different directions. At this time the heat was like a furnace, the

flames would reach a house, lick it up almost in a moment and pass on. However by heroic efforts the flames were finally subdued, but the center of the towh comprising some five acres, before thickly covered with buildings, was a mass of smoking red hot ruins. Not a business place was left, save the jewelry store of Daniels & Ford, and the Rogers House near the station. The flames swept east to the river bridge then south along Collins-st. to and including the Davis house occupied by B. F. Walter. On the north side of Main-st. every place went from the river through to and including the REPORTER building. Opposite the latter, the Baptist church and town hall in the rear were burned. On the opposite square every building but three houses on the southeast side went. In all 54 buildings lay in ashes and the loss is placed by conservative estimates at \$200,000 with insurance at about \$80,000.

The strange and remarkable part of the whole affair is that no one was killed or seriously injured, though there were several narrow escapes.

By daylight people began to flock in from the surrounding country and during the few days following thousands of people visited the scene from all parts of the country.

There were many homeless and discouraged ones that Friday morning. The results of years of labor had melted away as in the twinkling of an eye, but soon there came words of cheer and hope and our citizens were quick to rally. However, many seemed to take the matter lightly to heart and did not feel half so badly over it as did their neighbors and friends, some of whom could eat nothing that day.

Whitney's Point people have always been ready to assist all worthy charitable objects, and now the bread which she had cast upon the waters was to be returned to her after many days. Neighbors kindly and lovingly threw open their houses and not a person even though a stranger within our gates was left uncared for. A food famine seemed imminent at first, but people in surrounding towns and country seeing the situation almost instantly came to our relief, providing food, clothing, household goods and cash. Lisle, Killawog, Marathon, Cortland, Homer, Triangle, Binghamton, Greene and other places will always be thankfully remembered for their kindly ministrations. Also the firemen from the three places heretofore mentioned, the D. L. & W. Co. for transporting them here, and all who rendered assistance in any way.

A FIRE EXPERIENCE.

BY THE EDITOR.

We read of great fires and occasionally instances where whole towns are nearly wiped out, but the matter is given only a passing thought. Much depends on whose fire it is, and if it happens to be ours that's quite another matter. To be burned out is an experience that will never be forgotten, and it leaves a certain sense of fear or expectancy that will probably never be overcome. Before one burns out they think they are safe and no such thing will ever happen to them; after that, there is a constant nervous dread of a repetition of the affair.

This was not our first fire, for while a boy living at Newark Valley we well remember how the alarming cry of fire! fire!! broke in on sound slumber, and of the sudden awakening to find the corner of the building afire, the red flames leaping by the window a few feet from the bed. There was intense excitement for a few moments, but fortunately that fire was extinguished by a few pails of water before doing any serious damage.

In a busy life, the rapidly succeeding events of days and weeks are apt to dim the memory of things a year gone by, but such a fire as that which occurred in Whitney's Point is burned into the memory. It was along in the quiet hours of the night when the cry of fire repeated a few times and seemingly far away brought us to consciousness. While our better half rushed to the front room to locate the fire, we leisurely donned our old clothes thinking it was doubtless some shed or barn and we would not hurry. Equipped with lantern and pail, and once on the street excitement began to rise as some fire and smoke was seen and considerable hubbub was heard down near the Griffin block, though no one seemed to be on the street. We repaired at once to the engine house and there stood the steamer as quiet as on a Sunday morning and not a person around. The hand engine was gone, though not noticed at the time. Presently two or three men ran up one after the other, and all breathless. "Where's the engineer?" "Why isn't the steamer out and being fired up?" and other questions were excitedly asked by different ones but no one knew, though some one had heard that the former engineer would not run it any more owing to some misunderstanding with the board. "Little time was there for musing or delay," so we

all quickly backed out the engine and while one man ran for Dell Monroe with his team to draw it to the fire, we ran up to J. McCallum's after Charley Wells, who had run the engine and we thought would be able to do so. "Gone to the fire," was the response after loud knocking, and we ran back following the engine, which had just started for the scene. Passing the Griffin block it was seen that the whole rear end was in flames, the hand engine was located over by the Beach House barn and throwing a stream, but the flames were gaining and the wildest excitement prevailed. The steamer was quickly run down by the end of the river bridge into the edge of the water but the place was steep and an unfavorable position for the engine to draw water. The engineer came around presently and we recollect that J. P. Wells, S. S. Parsons, D. S. Monroe, Frank M. Perry and others assisted. The fuel in the steamer was damp and would not half burn, raising steam but slowly. A straw tick and a quantity of oil was used to force the fire. Seasoned hard wood was called for and D. S. Monroe and the writer started out in search of some. We explored in back of all the buildings up to the furniture store, finding nothing but green wood, little thinking that all those buildings and many more were soon to be in ruins. There was good seasoned wood at the printing office but it was some distance away and seconds counted now, but rather than spend more time hunting we ran there. A load was quickly placed on the office wheelbarrow, Dell ran for the steamer with that while we followed with a large armful, nearly exhausted and almost falling from stumbling once or twice. This time we found it very hot passing between the Griffin block and Brown's blacksmith shop, and it was necessary to keep to the farther side of the street. Lewis Dunham's store was ablaze and the building occupied by John Elliott was just catching. The street was light as day now and sparks were showering dangerously around on all sides. The streets were getting full of people, goods were being rapidly removed from the front of the Griffin block and the adjacent buildings, and the greatest excitement prevailed, as folks began to realize that a terrible conflagration was fairly begun. One lives hours during a few moments, at such time.

Presently we thought of our surrey in C. B. Morse's barn. It might be



PARTIAL VIEW OF BURNED DISTRICT—Showing ruins of Ames residence and shanty stores of Seeber & Youmans and Cornell & Nowlan.

well to remove it for safety out across the bridge on the flat. Though no buildings had caught across Main-st. it was so hot we could not return that way, so we went around back of the livery, blacksmith shop, hotel and other buildings. Elmer Bosworth came out of his place in the basement of the Beach House with his arms full of various articles. He remarked that he did not know as the hotel would catch fire, but he thought it might be well to remove some of his things. Arrived at the barn we found the utmost confusion prevailing in this quarter, and people scurrying hither and thither with the household articles, merchandise, etc. As we backed the wagon out of the barn it was with difficulty that we could restrain people from loading it down far beyond the strength of two to draw it, but with the assistance of our son Charlie, who had come up, we soon succeeded in getting it across the bridge and well out on the flat beyond the reach of sparks, which were now coming across the river and falling on a part of the flat in a great shower. Many other wagons had already been drawn there, but some not being beyond reach of the sparks were burned. So quickly did the flames now spread that on our return one side of the Beach House was all ablaze, yet we felt no uneasiness for ourselves believing that the brick block would prove considerable of a barrier to the flames working

further up the north side of Main-st., and it also being announced that help had been asked for from surrounding places, and trains were on their way bringing engines and firemen.

However we repaired to our own home, steamed up the boiler and with the assistance of our male employees, gave the building a good wetting, roof and sides, to prevent it catching from sparks, which had begun dropping in

on our neighborhood. We also removed our books and other valuables to a place of safety. People were now hustling out goods farther up the street, at Shanley Bros., C. B. Morse's and across the street, and all along the sidewalks and about the building were scattered a varied assortment of merchandise. Our office door was left open a few moments and the room was quickly filled. If possession had been nine points of the law, we could have picked out of the chaos inside, enough hats and shoes to have lasted for the next twenty-five years.

Up stairs, Mrs. B., "cool as a cucumber," the girl in her employ and several neighbors and friends were busily engaged packing goods, while the baby slept quietly on. They inquired if we had not better begin removing things, and we replied "No, the engines had arrived from Marathon, Binghamton and Hallstead and they would stop the fire from coming farther." But it was a delusive hope. There was too much fire and going in too many ways at once. The lurid sky, the glaring light, the roar of the fire, the crashing of falling timbers and the great showers of sparks combined with the frantic rush of people made a scene never to be forgotten. We well remember how a part of one fire company bravely walked around the side of Dr. Pellette's house in the intense heat, while the adjoining house occupied by Postmaster Wm. W. Collins was a mass of flames and the



RUINS OF THE REPORTER OFFICE—The last building to go on Main Street.

doctor's residence was just catching on that side at different points. We expected to see the fire stop there, but it didn't. Water appeared to have no effect and the firemen soon had to retreat to save themselves.

About this time it became evident that we too must burn unless the flames were checked and that right speedily. With the help of many volunteers in the few moments remaining, bicycles, sundries, desks, one press and quite a quantity of household goods were removed, but no heavy things could be attempted. All of a sudden a great cloud of smoke burst from the side and roof of C. B. Morse's barn followed by flames which nearly reached the rear of the REPORTER office. Either the heat or sparks quickly set us afire from this source, and as we left the building with a table for the last time the rear and half the east side was fiercely burning, and a solid mass of red flames covered the windows so one could not see out. Many said it made the hottest fire and went the quickest of any building in town, but this is not to be wondered at as the dry furnace heat had thoroughly seasoned the inside lumber, and the inks, oils, benzine, etc., must have added much to the blaze. Things were now removed to the school house grounds, which was well covered with a miscellaneous assortment of household goods and merchandise, and people began to question where next they might remove things to, but through heroic efforts Mr. Johnson's storehouse was saved, though badly scorched, and the flames stopped in their devastating fury in this direction.

Cornell & Nowlan's store, the Baptist church, engine house, opera house and Jesse Ames' fine residence followed in quick succession, and we hear something of the sweep out on Collins-st. in the meantime, but thoroughly exhausted we sat and watched it all with a numb feeling, seemingly as if in a dream. The flames are checked by and by and groups gather about now with such a bond of human sympathy as they never felt before, offering to each other condolences, and later as the darkest hour passes, questions are asked as to the future, cheering and encouraging words are spoken and the New Whitney's Point begins to be evolved in the brain. To some the fearful experience and the loss came all at once with over-mastering force, but to others the full realization was to come only after weeks and years of privation.

Soon we are aroused from lethargy, a "special" is decided upon, and while Mr. Rogers and myself go about ascertaining the losses, our two best printers go to Chenango Forks to prepare for it; we soon follow, going down on the special with the Hallstead firemen.

So passes the day and we are saved from dire and profitless reflection on

losses, by hard work and concentrated thought, as we may have been saved from many times of despondency heretofore.

We set out to write but a brief personal experience. Our story has proven a long one, but we trust never to have such another to record.

TABLE SHOWING LOSSES SUSTAINED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL.

(Complete and corrected as far as possible.)

	Val.	Ins.	Loss
Hurd Shop.....	\$ 500	\$200	\$ 300
John Driscoll, blacksmith.....	250	---	250
O. W. Chandler, wagon repair shop.....	300	---	300
Geo. Love, livery and blacksmith shop.....	340 ⁰⁰	400	3000
Austin Brown, blacksmith shop and household goods.....	1200	---	1200
*A. Collins, Beach House, furniture and livery.....	12000	8000	6000
Elmer Bosworth, saloon.....	50	---	50
Mrs. Anna Perry.....	300	---	300
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Near.....	1000	---	1000
Ford Perry.....	100	---	100
Mulford Northup.....	150	---	150
R. W. Whaley, barber.....	200	---	200
Chas. Wells, bakery outfit.....	300	---	300
Mrs. S. E. and H. F. Birdsall, Birdsall Block.....	15000	6000	9000
F. E. Allen, merchant.....	14000	6000	8000
Wm. Allport, fair store and household goods.....	1400	400	1000
Athletic Association, goods.....	75	---	75
Geo. R. Seymour, house, barn and household goods.....	1500	---	1500
City National Bank (Binghamton), store occupied by Shanley Bros.....	3500	2500	1000
Shanley Bros., merchants.....	10000	4000	6000
Wm. Ukin, shoe shop and household goods.....	300	---	300
C. B. Morse, clothing stock and household goods.....	8300	6300	2000
Mrs. K. A. Biddlecom, millinery and household goods, building, etc.....	7000	500	6500
J. D. Bowen, broom factory and household goods.....	200	---	200
S. Rittenburg, barber.....	25	---	25
Chas. R. Parker, photographer.....	200	---	200
T. Edwards, photographic materials.....	150	---	150
F. C. Branday, "Reporter" office, building and household goods.....	8300	3300	5000
Mrs. C. O. Parsons, goods stored.....	150	---	150
Mrs. Heleu Gorham, building.....	800	---	800
John Elliott, feed stock and household goods.....	1800	300	1500
P. H. Landers, butter packages.....	68	---	68
Lewis Dunham, grocery stock, building and barn.....	1800	800	1000
Mrs. A. A. Gates, household goods.....	800	---	800
Mrs. Anna Griffin, Griffin Block and household goods.....	10000	---	10000
W. R. Waugh, harness shop.....	500	---	500
Ray Lewis, meat market.....	700	---	700
D. W. Burdick, oyster depot.....	350	---	350
C. E. Kark, and Kark & Snavelin, clothing and tailoring.....	1800	1000	800
E. B. Black, hooks, cash, etc.....	500	---	500
Mrs. Luella Prentice, dressmaker.....	600	100	500
Miss Sarah Flanagan, dressmaker.....	200	---	200
Mrs. Ellen Bliss, household goods.....	500	---	500
F. T. Wilcox, P. O. Block, store, etc.....	6000	---	6000
Leroy Wilcox, household goods.....	1000	---	1000
Wm. W. Collins, P. O. fixtures and household goods.....	2600	800	1800
Hiram King, clothing stock.....	3000	---	3000
Robinson Bros., insurance agents.....	200	---	200
J. D. Eaton, grocery stock and household goods.....	4000	1000	3000
J. J. Johnson & Son, hardware stock, building and household goods.....	8000	2000	6000
Dr. A. H. Pellette, buildings and household goods.....	6500	1500	5000
Miss A. Wood, milliner.....	200	---	200
Mrs. S. N. Stone, store.....	1600	1200	400
Cornell & Nowlan, hardware stock.....	3200	2300	1200
D. S. Monroe, opera house.....	2600	500	2100
Jesse Ames, damage to house.....	3000	1580	1420
Firemen's Hall and apparatus.....	1500	941	559
Baptist Church.....	4000	2300	2000
Mrs. Jennie Chittenden, damage to house.....	60	---	60
A. H. Youmans, drug store.....	1700	1000	700
Seeber & Youmans, drug stock.....	5000	1500	3500
Mrs. Ella E. Boyden, milliner.....	800	200	600
L. Bennett, harness stock and building.....	2500	---	2500
E. B. Jenks, law office.....	250	---	250
Lewis Taft, buildings and household goods.....	3000	---	3000
Mrs. Amelia Collins, milliner.....	500	---	500
L. G. Collins, furniture stock and household goods.....	1500	---	1500
Mrs. M. F. Perry, goods stored.....	400	---	400
M. O. Eggleston, undertaker's stock.....	100	---	100
D. B. Davis, house and barn.....	1200	---	1200
B. F. Walter, farm implement stock and household goods.....	1000	---	1000
Mrs. Olive A. Green, household goods.....	250	---	250
S. S. Parsons, stationery stock and fixtures.....	1900	500	1400
G. A. Quick, hotel, furniture, house etc.....	8000	4300	3700
Wm. Hopkins, Hopkins Block and household goods.....	4000	2000	2000
John Hopkins, household goods.....	700	---	700
Wm. Denning, merchant.....	10000	3300	7000
D. L. Maxfield, law office.....	1500	500	1000
Dr. O. C. Hall, house, barn and household goods.....	4000	2500	1500
Orrin Smith, house.....	2200	---	2200
Wm. Dorchester, household goods.....	250	---	250
Dr. W. Spencer, damage to house.....	45	---	45
Electric Light Co.....	1200	---	1200
Whitney's Point Lodge, F. & A. M.....	245	---	245
Pocahontas Tribe I. O. R. M.....	500	---	500
Eldredge Post G. A. R.....	250	---	250
Amigo Lodge, I. O. of O. F.....	600	250	350
Brinkman Tent, K. O. T. M.....	25	---	25

*There were other losses at the Beach house of the guests and employees, not obtainable.

THOUGHT IT WAS CATS FIGHTING.

It was nearly four o'clock when we were partially aroused by a noise which I thought to be cats fighting, and I turned over in bed remarking that I wished I had a gun to shoot those cats. We finally concluded that it was a fire alarm and arose but saw no fire. Dressed, taking plenty of time, and went down stairs. Some one said it was the Griffin block and then I began to wake up in earnest. The hand engine came along and I joined in. It was taken down near the Beach House barn. After considerable trouble connecting the suction pipe, it was finally started and I pumped until exhausted. Then went up into the street and helped get goods out of the drug store, packing things, while others carried out. Nearly everything was cleaned out and among all the bottles, show cases, etc., not a thing was broken. The stock was conveyed across the street and afterwards burned there.

Next we commenced in Bennett's harness shop loading wagons. As I started to help push on a wagon being drawn away, wife called from across the street and said the Beach House was afire. Then I knew both engines must be hemmed in and began to think of our own things. Passing around the P. O. corner we found it intensely hot, and a few minutes later could not have gone that way. I called to D. S. Monroe to drive up with trucks and we at once began removing things, taking books, etc., from safe first and placing them in good hands. Doc. Biddlecom thought we had better wet the roofs to keep them from catching from sparks, but while acting on this advice to some extent we kept the goods moving. Towards the last, sparks fell in front so thick and fast that I well remember standing by the door and stamping them out and scraping out as much as a peck measure full every time the door opened. Finally the fire took us all of a sudden with a fierce, melting heat and seemed to strike the building, come through the side as though it was paper, and run through the ceiling and partitions and up over the roof. I was near the front of the store, or could never have escaped, and made a hasty exit. Going down to the school house grounds, found one of the wagons with a wheel off and half a dozen Binghamton toughs helping themselves to clothing and shoes. They said they wanted to buy them, but I told them I was not in

shape to do business that day, and had to threaten procuring an officer before they would leave. Scarcely stopping to eat we worked till 7:30 that night sorting goods. It was much the hardest day's work I ever did and I was quite lame the next morning as a result.

C. B. MORSE.

CAREFULLY EMPTIED A BARREL OF HAIR.

One of the striking incidents of the fire was the heroic efforts of our prominent townsman, R. W. Whaley, to recover some of his valuable property, amounting to several hundred dollars. The article which he considered of greatest value was a barrel of hair consisting of nearly all colors of the rainbow and from ages ranging from four years to ninety. As Mr. Whaley is a firm believer in that old maxim, "A workman is known by his chips" he concluded that the prize must be saved at all hazards, so he carried it carefully to the river and there safely deposited it in the waters of the Tioughnioga.

After conveying his goods to a place of safety, he discovered flames issuing from the Birdsall Block, where the Masonic lodge was located, and he being a very enthusiastic worker and Master of the lodge, at once attempted to save some of the property and succeeded in securing the records and some of the most valuable treasures. But the heat becoming so intense and dangerous to health and sight, he was obliged to make his escape by the rear of the building and in so doing dropped some of the valuables, but knowing that the risk involved to secure them would warrant the danger returned and recovered them, and conveyed them all to a place of safety, for which the Masonic fraternity will ever be very grateful.

C. A. WINCHESTER.

BUT LITTLE SAVED FROM THE BEACH HOUSE.

PORTLAND, Me., April 10, 1898.

Mr. Branday—

I hardly know how to commence an answer to yours of April 4th. I can honestly say that I hope never to have to go through such an experience again. Will try and give you as nearly as I can the loss to the Beach House property, and some of the events that took place that morning.

In the first place there were only five guests besides the regular boarders and family. One gentleman in room

12 was not awakened until I went to the room for water, which was just before I left the building for good. Had hard work to arouse him and he had only time to take his clothing under his arm and run to the river where he finished dressing. A lady and gentleman during the excitement left their wallet in their room containing some thirty dollars which was lost. As you already know we did not save one single article in furniture, but did manage to save some clothing, bedding and silverware. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Near lost all their household effects, goods being all packed ready to ship to Portland, and on which there was no insurance. Mrs. Perry also lost all her best furniture, books, etc., and no insurance.

We did not think at first that the hotel would burn. Our help and even our own family were out helping others fight fire and when the hotel finally did take fire it burned so rapidly there was very little time to save anything. Had I not been so dazed Helen and I could have saved many articles of value.

The loss on real estate was about \$8,000 and on furniture and livery about \$4,000.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, I am

Very resp'y. yours,

MRS. A. COLLINS.

WATCH STOPPED SIX MINUTES AFTER FIVE.

We were awakened by the ringing of the hostler's bell at the Beach House and the cry of fire at 3:45 A. M. Hastily dressing I went down stairs and found the fire in the Griffin Block across the street. The wind being from the south we thought we were safe, but Leroy Wilcox and myself took the precaution to wet down our roof. As soon as the Griffin Block fell in the wind changed and the flames seemed to leap across Collins street and the cornice of the Wilcox Block soon caught fire. I carried the baby as far as the Presbyterian parsonage where Mrs. Lewis took charge of him and hurrying back found the rooms all on fire. We only saved some silverware, three chairs, four pictures, two rugs and a few baby clothes which I carried to Dr. Pellette's yard, and hurried to the store. The Birdsall Block was not yet on fire, but the heat from the Beach House was so intense it was difficult to enter. I went into the store four times, saving about \$20 worth of goods.

Mrs. Allport's watch which was left under her pillow, was found in the ruins with the hands burned in the face at six minutes after five, which was probably the time the heat stopped it.

W. H. ALLPORT.

SHANTYTOWN!

Temporary Business Homes of Our Merchants During the Summer of 1897.

THE PLUCK, energy and perseverance of the business men of Whitney's Point was never more strikingly shown than in the rapidity with which they rallied after the fire. This has been a subject of widespread and favorable comment. Some had practically lost all their capital, others were badly crippled and all met with some loss. Yet under these discouraging circumstances, they cheered

school house and church grounds came to be covered with them. Our illustration shows the most of these buildings. The first is that of Shanley Bros., and the second is that of C. B. Morse; each 16x28 costing about \$125. Next is the barber shop of R. W. Whaley and insurance office of Robinson Bros., costing \$50. F. E. Allen's was the best constructed for size and cost \$90. The fifth was erected

ing. The drug stock had been ordered Friday afternoon from Albany. Monday it arrived, and that afternoon the first store re-opened for business.

People said that Shantytown resembled a western mushroom town, and no doubt it did. But our people rather enjoyed it, and there was a general good feeling and friendliness that was very beautiful to see and comforting to experience. And considering the limited stocks of goods an enormous business was carried on here, some firms reporting a trade of \$600 a week. Other merchants were scattered about in various parts of the town. H. King and J. D. Eaton occupied the front room of Mr. King's house; Ray Lewis' meat market and D. W. Burdick's oyster depot in the



GENERAL VIEW OF SHANTYTOWN.

each other and said we will rebuild the town. Their credit in about every instance was found to be first-class. Though not heavy capitalists they had paid their bills promptly, and now it stood them in good stead. Assistance was freely offered, and in some cases wholesale houses proposed to furnish goods or cash in any amount needed.

It takes time to erect permanent buildings. In the interval business must go on, and shanties solved the problem, so that the front of the

by E. B. Black, F. C. Branday and S. S. Parsons at a cost of \$76 and jointly used by them. The one in the distance is the "Palace Drug Store" of Seeber & Youmans, costing \$80. Cornell & Nowlan had a shanty in the rear of their former premises.

The drug store shanty is illustrative of how quickly these buildings went up. Saturday morning (the next day after the fire) the logs were in the race at Millville, but before night they had been sawed into lumber and a building erected, while the ruins were yet smok-

basement of the latter's house; John Elliott and M. O. Eggleston found quarters with D. S. Monroe; Wm. Denning and the P. O. occupied the former tooth factory building; L. Bennett and Lawyer Jenks, Mr. Bennett's shop, while Lawyer Maxfield and Miss Wood later had rooms in Dr. Pellette's; Mrs. Biddlecom in the Page house and Mrs. Boyden bought a house on Liberty street.

Before winter closed in our merchants were permanently located, nearly all the shanties had been sold, removed or torn down, and thus Shantytown having served its purpose came to an end.

THE NEW WHITNEY'S POINT.

Arisen From its Ashes to Become Greater and Better Than Ever Before.



"THE BIG FOUR."

"THE BIG FOUR."

The above is the title bestowed on the large two story brick block containing four stores, erected on the north side of Main-st., covering the site before occupied by Shanley Bros., two vacant lots and C. B. Morse's store. The building was the second permanent business structure to be completed, and was erected for F. E. Allen, Seeber & Youmans, Mrs. L. N. English and C. B. Morse, the English store being occupied by Shanley Bros. It is 60x102 feet in size, well finished throughout, warmed by furnaces and brilliantly lighted by electricity. A. W. Reynolds of Binghamton, was the architect and contractor, and his work proved very satisfactory.

C. B. MORSE.

Our popular clothier, was born in Greene in 1859, and the early part of his life was spent on a farm and in clerking. For several years he lived at McDonough and later at Greene. In 1883 he came to Whitney's Point and opened a branch clothing store for his uncle. In June, 1885, he was married to Miss Sarah Dorchester, and in the fall of that year bought out the business and moved into the Griffin block. In Feby., 1893, he bought the Collins residence and converted it into a store and dwelling, doing business there until the fire. He is now well settled in his new store with an elegant new stock of clothing, gents furnishings, hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc. Robt. Gates is clerk.

SHANLEY BROS.

Shanley Bros., occupy the store owned by Mrs. L. N. English. They carry a general line of merchandise, and are always noted for handling the best goods at right prices. When we came here some 20 years ago the business was conducted by Davis & Hyde. Afterwards the firm became successively Davis Bros., Davis & Wells, Wells & Deyo, and for some years it was Wells & Shanley; Mr. Wells selling his interest in March, 1897, to Michael Shanley. Jerry Sullivan is their clerk.



MICHAEL SHANLEY.

WILLIAM SHANLEY,

The senior partner of Shanley Bros., is one of the quiet, unassuming, yet genial and friendly business men of Whitney's Point. He enjoys joking and some of the dry hits he makes are enough to make one "laugh and grow fat." He is an expert bookkeeper and looks after the firm's accounts. Though forty summers have passed over his head, he still remains single, the right lady not having yet put in appearance. Mr. Shanley was born and brought up near Glen Aubrey. For a few years he was engaged as clerk in hotels at Little Falls and Binghamton, but for the past twelve years has been in the mercantile business here.

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL SHANLEY,

Was born at Glen Aubrey Jan. 27, 1865. His early years were spent on the old homestead. Completing his education at the Whitney's Point academy he entered the store of Wells & Deyo, and his affable manners and obliging disposition won him hosts of friends. For two years Mr. Shanley was the efficient chief of the Fire Department, and during his administration two parades were held and new uniforms procured, some \$700 being expended for this purpose. February last Mr. Shanley ran for Supervisor of Triangle and was elected by a majority of 32, the largest ever accorded any democratic candidate in the town.

He was married to Miss Lizzie Flanagan of Smithville Flats, Oct. 10, 1894.



INTERIOR VIEW OF THE DRUG STORE.

THE WHITNEY'S POINT DRUG STORE.

Our citizens generally take a justifiable pride in the elegant new drug store of Seeber & Youmans. Traveling men all say there is not another such a store in any country town, and few to equal it in the city. The above view gives a fair idea of the interior. The walls and ceiling are papered in rich, harmonious colors, and the counters and other fixtures are all of the finest, the wood work being red oak and birch with natural finish. A large and costly soda fountain adorns one side of the store in front and beautiful palms and choice goods combine to make the show windows a bower of beauty. The stock comprises drugs, patent medicines, stationery, fancy articles, paints, oils, etc., and only the best goods are handled in all lines.

This store had its origin at Upper Lisle, being started by O. J. Pratt in the 50's. It was removed to Whitney's Point about 1866, occupying a portion of J. P. Griffin's store. Later Mr. Pratt moved into the Harrington & Crowell store, which building he bought in 1868, and where the business continued until the time of the fire. Mr. A. H. Youmans, senior partner of the present firm, began clerking for Mr. Pratt in 1874, and in 1876 the drug store and banking business which Mr. Pratt had also gone into, increased to such an extent that Mr. Youmans went in as partner on a

share of the profits. Later F. L. Dickinson came into the business, the firm name being O. J. Pratt & Co., and the bank was removed to the P. O. building. After the failure of Mr. Pratt, which occurred June 3, 1880, Seeber & Youmans purchased the business, which they have conducted until the present time.

Mr. A. H. Youmans was born in Deposit, but some forty years of his life have been spent in this section, and about thirty years in this village, excepting a year that he was in Ohio. Aug. 12, 1885, Mr. Youmans was married to Miss Mary Cary, daughter of John Cary, a prominent resident of the town of Union. They have three children, Stella, John and Mildred. The family residence is on Collins-st.

Mr. Youmans is a shrewd buyer, and exercises sound business judgment. His advice is much sought after on financial and other matters and he enjoys the entire confidence of the public. He is a leading member of the board of education and a strong Republican.

Fayette Seeber is a native of Maryland, Otsego-co., having been born there Feby. 5th, 1857. His people early removed to this section and at one time occupied the Collins farm. It was at this time he attended school here, going the first term in the new academy building, erected about 1866. He was engaged in various occupa-

tions, and for two years was west with a surveying party on the Northwestern R. R. In 1880 he returned to this place, entering the drug store. Three years later he was united in marriage to Miss Ella N. Kinyon of Chenango Forks. They have a fine home with neatly kept grounds on Liberty-st.

FRED. E. ALLEN.

The subject of this sketch was born in the town of Lisle, March 26th, 1855, and has always resided in this section. For a time he clerked for J. P. Griffin and at one time was in partnership with Jesse Babcock. He began business for himself with a dry goods and grocery stock in the C. H. Parsons store. Later he moved into the Hopkins block and from thence into the Birdsall block. Mr. Allen has made a signal success of the mercantile business, and has long carried one of the largest stocks in town. He is ably assisted by his brother, Herbert F., the present town clerk. All customers are politely treated and promptly and speedily waited on. The new store at the east end of "The Big Four" is well stocked with general merchandise and presents a handsome and inviting appearance.

In 1875 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Atala Babcock, and their handsome home is shown elsewhere in these columns.

**FRED E. ALLEN.**

Mr. Allen is quite prominent in public affairs. He has been secretary of the Ag'l society for several years, was town clerk eight years, and has been on the school board for a long time, being president the past five years. He is one of the trustees of the Baptist church, a leading Republican and a Mason.

S. S. PARSONS.

Samuel S. Parsons, the youngest son of Horace W. Parsons, was born on the family homestead south of this village, June 2, 1862. His early education was received in district school in the town of Barker and the Whitney's Point academy. He spent nearly three years in the law office of Willis D. Edmister, Esq., then a resident of this place; but failing health compelled him to seek other occupation and in November, 1883, he went to California where he remained nearly a year. On Oct. 9, 1884, he married Miss Adeline Johnson of Martinez, Cal., and they at once came east. On Dec. 25, 1886, Mrs. Parsons died leaving one son, Horace, who is now a student in our High school. In Dec., 1885, Mr. Parsons embarked in the stationery and confectionery business succeeding Christopher and Niles in the store adjoining the Post Office, where he built up a large business, remaining until the fire of '97. On June 26, 1889, he married Mrs. Emma J. Robinson of Five Corners, N. Y. They bought the Gilbert residence on Park street where they resided until the completion of the fine new block on

Main street last October. A few weeks after the fire, Mr. Parsons purchased of J. D. Eaton the lot next to J. J. Johnson's, and during the summer erected thereon the fine two story brick block shown in the accompanying picture. This block adjoins the Wilcox block, with a party wall between, and is 25x58 feet in size. It is well finished inside, and is one of the neatest and handsomest of the new blocks, reflecting much credit on the architect and builder, Mr. E. W. VanSlyke, whose

work was done in the most satisfactory manner, and who will ever be held in high repute here. No block in town went up with seemingly less effort and the building was honestly constructed.

Since entering the new store Mr. Parsons has added several departments including oysters, bakestuffs, lunch room and a fine line of five and ten cent goods. For five years he was a trustee of the village, being elected to fill a vacancy in 1892, and was re-elected for two consecutive full terms.

after which he opened an office in Lestershire, N. Y., for one year; thence moving to Marathon, N. Y., where he is now located. He has made weekly visits to Whitney's Point for the past two years where he has built up a fine practice, and has missed only one trip during that time, the Monday following the fire. His office is now located in the REPORTER Block.

He was married to Miss Irene Brooks, daughter of C. A. Brooks of Marathon, N. Y., June 18, 1895.

F. F. BARNES.

Mr. Barnes, merchant tailor, moved here from Binghamton last September, in which place he had previously been engaged at his trade for five years, during one of which he conducted a business of his own. He learned his trade with Mr. Babcock a well known tailor, who for many years was in charge of the custom department of Abel Bennett & Co. Since coming here he has received a liberal patronage and has in turn shown himself to be a competent workman and an obliging business man. He is now located in commodious rooms over F. E. Allen's store in the "Big Four" block and resides in the Youmans' house on East Main-st.



S. S. PARSONS—Store and Residence.

H. H. TURNER, D. D. S.

H. H. Turner was born at Springfield, Ill., in 1871 and in 1881 moved with his parents to Kansas. He was graduated from the Emporia, (Kas.) High school, after which he spent one year in a doctor's office before entering the Kansas City, (Mo.) Dental College from which institution he graduated third in a class of fifty-two. He came east in 1892 and had charge of an office in this place for two years

M. M. HOLLENBECK.

Mr. M. M. Hollenbeck moved here from Lisle over a year ago and has conducted a shoe repairing shop most of the time since, his present location being over Shanley Bros. store in the "Big Four" block. He was a resident of this place for a time several years ago.

He takes an active interest in politics and at the last town meeting was elected constable.



INTERIOR VIEW OF "THE NEW WHITNEY'S POINT'S GREATEST STORE."

WM. DENNING.

Born in Delaware county in 1861, Mr. Denning removed to this place when but a mere lad, and has now been a resident of Whitney's Point for twenty-five years. He first began clerking for Parsons & Pease, and afterwards clerked in the stores of Lewis Dunham and C. H. Parsons & Co. Then he went to Syracuse and for a time was in the store of Halloran & McCarthy. Returning to Whitney's Point he entered into partnership with C. O. Parsons. Selling out his interest after three years, he again entered the store of C. H. Parsons & Co. for a time, after which he went to Tully for three years. Returning to Whitney's Point, he opened a store in the Hopkins block with a general line of goods, and in five years by hard work and good management had succeeded in building up a large business.

In February, 1893, Mr. Denning was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Allen, who has ever since taken a

deep interest in the store and proven an invaluable aid in its management. She is in charge of the ladies department, which is kept fully abreast of the changing fashions.

After being cleaned out by fire, Mr. Denning displayed his usual pluck and energy by re-opening at 11 o'clock Saturday in the former tooth factory building, having cleared out the store, secured a stock and opened it up in a day. His first half day's trade was \$65.

His new store in the Page block is by far the finest store ever in Whitney's Point, and has been the wonder and admiration of all. It has been well named the new Whitney's Point's greatest store. The stock runs from \$10,000 to \$12,000 and trade is reported first class. Our illustration is on the main floor where are shown dry goods, shoes and groceries. One basement contains carpets, wall paper and crockery, while the second basement contains a stock of furniture and housefurnishings. Ed. H. Oliver and Willie Kiley are the efficient clerks.

Mr. Denning has recently opened a "Klondike" store at Clough's Corners which is meeting with good success.

DR. RANSOM J. PERRY,

Received his early education at the Whitney's Point Academy, and then studied medicine in the office of his stepfather, Dr. S. P. Allen, then of this place.

In 1886 he graduated from the Albany Medical College and in the same year located at Harford, Cortland county, N. Y., where he followed his profession until the fall of 1897, when he removed to this place and bought out Dr. Tiltottson, since which time he has continued the practice of medicine here. He has recently purchased the Taft property on the east side of Collins street and plans to erect a house and barn thereon at once.

Dr. Perry is a member of the Cortland County and the Broome County Medical societies and during his residence at Harford was a coroner of Cortland county.



PAGE BLOCK—Store of Wm. Denning at the left and L. Bennett at the right.

THE PAGE BLOCK.

Soon after the fire A. W. Page purchased of Geo. Quick the Hotel Quick site and during the summer erected thereon the fine two story brick block known as the Page block.

Just what induced Mr. Page to build is not definitely known, but it was fortunate for Whitney's Point that he did, and those who said that the place would never be rebuilt forgot that we had such citizens as A. W. Page, F. T. Wilcox and others.

The building was planned largely by architect E. W. VanSlyke and is another long mark to his credit in northern Broome. Whitney's Point carpenters constructed the wood work under J. C. Arnold as foreman, and we believe we are not overstating it when we say this is the best finished building in the new Whitney's Point by all odds. The work was done by the day and nothing was spared to make the building complete in every particular.

Mr. Pagetakes considerable pride in the basement which is arranged according to his own planning. There are two large rooms, eight feet in the clear, and they are as light as any ordinary room.

The two stores are finished with metal ceiling and painted in attractive colors. The one on the south is occupied by Wm. Denning and the other by L. Bennett. Postmaster Collins occupies the rooms over Denning's and J. B. Carberry the ones over Mr. Bennett's.

LAFAYETTE BENNETT,

Was born in Prussia in 1846 and at the age of 13 came to this country, settling in Chenango county. Early in life he learned the harness makers trade which he has followed steadily until the present time. He moved to Whitney's Point March 1st, 1890, from McDonough, N. Y., where he had been engaged in the harness business for 12 years. He located in the small Collins store next east of the Beach House where he did a thriving business, carrying a stock of harness and horse furnishing goods amounting to between four and five thousand dollars. In March, 1897, he purchased the Richards block on Collins street next to the old drug store and had just got his stock moved and nicely settled when the fire of April 23 wiped the place out entirely. He immediately resumed business in the old Hanford shop on Main street, which, with the residence adjoining, he had previously purchased, remaining there until the completion of the Page block on Collins street last October, when he leased the store on the north side of the building as shown in the accompanying illustration. His present stock is new and attractive, consisting of harness, trunks and a full line of horse-furnishing goods, besides a very complete repair department.

Mr. Bennett has come to be regarded as one of our most worthy citizens, and both his store and residence are evidences of his neatness and untiring energy.

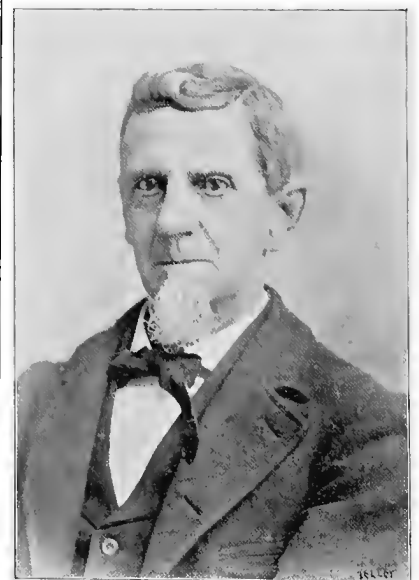
OUR POSTMASTER.

William W. Collins was born in the old Collins house on Main street June 7, 1836, and has resided here almost continuously since that time. His early education was received at the Whitney's Point Academy and the old Binghamton Academy. Later he attended a private school at Sand Lake, N. Y., and also the Eastman Commercial College. In 1858 he entered the law office of Irving, Maynard & Hamlin at Corning, N. Y., where he remained nearly two years. Following this he spent nearly three years in Australia and returned to San Francisco in the fall of 1862 just in time to enlist in the 2d Massachusetts Cavalry, one company of which was being organized at that place by Capt. Reed. During 1864 Mr. Collins was transferred to the 10th New York Cavalry with which he served until discharged early in 1865. For seven or eight years following 1867 he was associated with Alonzo Collins and Fred Perry in the firm of Collins, Perry & Co., who conducted a general store at the corner of Main and North streets. When this partnership was dissolved he went into the Sash and Blind Factory office where he was engaged until the buildings were burned in 1882.

Mr. Collins has ever been a loyal Democrat and during the administration of Pres. Cleveland was appointed Postmaster of the local office of which he took possession April 1st, 1895, and has proved an efficient officer.

He is a Mason and an active member of Eldredge Post 199 G. A. R., of which he has been Adjutant for several years.

He was married April 7, 1870, to Miss Angeline Rogers, and they have four daughters, the Misses Helen, Mary, Nina and Ruth and reside in rooms in the Page block over Denning's store.



Wm. W. COLLINS.

WILCOX BLOCK.

The Wilcox block is the only three story block erected in Whitney's Point so far since the fire. It is an imposing structure, built of brick and occupies the sites of the former brick block owned by Mr. Wilcox and the Hemingway store. The new block was commenced during the summer and completed late in the fall. E. W. Van Slyke was the architect and Geo. W. Aldrich the contractor, and the building reflects credit on both these men. It is well constructed and well finished throughout. By good judges the property is rated as worth from \$7,000 to \$9,000. The building is occupied on the ground floor by the Post-Office, R. R. Lewis' meat market and S. Rittenburg's barber shop and poolroom. Dr. Seymour has his office on the second floor and L. T. Wilcox a suite of living rooms. The top floor is occupied as Masonic lodge rooms.

The new Whitney's Point post-office located in this building is a model affair. The furniture and cases are all brand new, of course, and made by specialty houses. Probably there is not another as fine an office anywhere, and while a fire means individual losses hard to bear, these great improvements are much appreciated by the people in general.

Frank T. Wilcox, owner of the block, is a well-known capitalist and real estate dealer. He was born January 10, 1835, in the town of Oxford. His father moved to Willet in 1842. In 1872, Frank bought what was then known as the John D. Smith farm of 225 acres situated on the eastern edge of Whitney's Point, and for several years run it as a stock and dairy farm. But as the place cornered into the village and as Mr. Wilcox would not allow himself to have any property but what was for sale, he soon sold the larger portion of it for village lots and for farming purposes, reserving the

homestead where he still resides.

He has been connected with several business enterprises. He entered into partnership with Rufus Park in the furniture and undertaking business in 1877, which they ran with success until 1880, when he sold his interest to Chas. H. Emens. From 1880 to 1882 he was in company with Chas. H. West in the blacksmith and repairing business. In 1884 he went into the cutter and wagon business with Landers Bros. & Co. as the Co., and in 1887 took the entire business for a year, disposing of it to Chas. H. Loomis. All of the time he has looked after his farming interests, always claiming that to be one of the surest and safest ways of making

tice of medicine in this place and has continued the same to this time.

Dr. Seymour is a member of the Broome County Medical Society, of which he was president for one year, and is serving his second term as coroner.

He has also been a member of the local school board, and is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church. He ranks well as a physician and bears a high christian character above reproach. None can but admire the purity of life and the noble purposes which actuate such men.

In 1886 he married Miss Helen Boynton, and they now reside at the Seymour homestead shown elsewhere in this issue.



WILCOX BLOCK, CORNER COLLINS AND MAIN STREETS.

RAY R. LEWIS.

Proprietor of the Whitney's Point meat market, may be counted among the successful young businessmen of the place. The new market is a model of neatness, and it is always well stocked. John Bosworth has the principal care of the market, assisted by A. A. Gates.

Mr. Lewis is the eldest son of Geo. F. Lewis, of Maine. He was born at Union, October 22, 1869, and much of his early life was spent at Union and Maine. He first worked for Frank Thorn, in the market at Union, then

a little money. Besides his farm, he now owns some twelve houses and business blocks here and at Marathon.

R. A. SEYMOUR, M. D.,

Was born at Whitney's Point, N. Y., August 24, 1855, and received his early education in the Whitney's Point Academy, after which he attended the Homer Academy, from which institution he graduated.

He then entered Williams College and graduated in 1880, after which he took a medical course in the Long Island College Hospital of Brooklyn, graduating in 1888.

In the same year he began the prac-

bought him out and run the place for a year, after which he sold out and came to Whitney's Point, buying the market here.

S. RITTENBURG

Came to Whitney's Point in April, 1895, and opened a barber shop in rooms in the Biddlecom building then standing on the present site of the Riverside House. Immediately after the fire he resumed business in a part of the Longbothum house on Main street where he remained until the completion of the new Wilcox block. He then leased the store facing on Main street and has it nicely fitted up for his business. He has also a good trade in bicycles and sundries, which with the tonsorial business, keeps himself and one assistant, John L. Sullivan, busy.



BIDDLECOM BLOCK, MAIN STREET.

THE BIDDLECOM BLOCK

Is one of the neat brick buildings erected during the past summer by Contractor Aldrich, and since Mr. and Mrs. Biddlecom took possession early last September, it has been one of the busiest places in town.

The Riverside House, a temperance hotel, conducted by them, has accommodations for about 15 guests and has enjoyed a good business during the past season.

The building is 34½x60 feet and besides the living rooms on the first floor, has a good sized store occupied by Hiram King, and a large front room opposite used by Mrs. Biddlecom for a millinery parlor.

On the second floor are two large front office rooms and a public hall 32 feet square which is occupied nearly every week day evening in the month by societies as follows: Odd Fellows, Mondays; Christian Alliance, Tuesdays; Red Men, Wednesdays; Maccabees and Firemen, alternately Thursdays; Grange, Fridays, and G. A. R. two Saturdays each month; all of which tends to keep "Doc" on the hustle when he is not busy carrying the mail.

HIRAM KING

Has been identified with Whitney's Points mercantile life for over 30 years.

He came from Oxford in 1865 and soon after engaged in the hardware business with his father, who in 1868 sold out to S. N. Stone.

For several years he was in the cart-

ing business and then clerked three and one-half years for J. P. Griffin.

In company with Frank Dickinson he succeeded to the business of O. J. Pratt in the Birdsall block and was located there ten years. S. E. Birdsall succeeded Mr. Dickinson, and later Mr. King conducted the business alone. About 1891 he moved across the street to the Hemingway store and remained until the fire which burned the larger part of his stock. During the summer he was located at his house on 119th street and last October leased the store in the new Biddlecom block as shown above.

He was married at Oxford, January 6, 1863, to Sarah A. Root, and they have one son, Herbert O. King, of Binghamton.

FRANK E. NOWLAN

Has less than two years of mercantile experience, but in that time he has exhibited an amount of energy and ability which has brought him well to the front.

He was born at Newark Valley, N. Y., in 1865, and received his education in the academy at that place. He then took up carriage ironing as a trade and in that capacity came here in 1894, and was employed for over two years in the Birdsall, Waite & Perry Mfg. Co. shops.

He was married July 17, 1895, to Miss Evalina Stone, daughter of the late S. N. Stone.

In October, 1896, he purchased an interest in the hardware business then conducted by A. Cornell in the S. N. Stone store on Main street, and in January, 1898, he secured the remaining portion of the business which he now conducts independently.

In the fire of '97 this building, owned by Mrs. S. N. Stone, was burned with much of their stock, but a "shanty" erected on the rear of the lot served as a store until the completion of the brick building shown below.

This building was erected by Contractor A. W. Reynolds, and is 28x65 feet and two stories high, built with special conveniences for the hardware trade. The ground floor is nicely arranged for the display of shelf hardware with a large light work room in the rear while an elevator runs from the cellar to the upper floor where is displayed a complete line of stoves and other heavy hardware.

He is assisted by John Ballard, an experienced tinner, and Burdette Dickinson.



STONE BLOCK, MAIN STREET.



D. S. MONROE'S RESIDENCE AND STORE HOUSES.

AN ENTERPRISING CITIZEN.

D. S. Monroe is often referred to as the most ambitious man in Whitney's Point. He is up early and late, energetic and pushing, employs labor and keeps things moving. Down around his premises are gathered several business enterprises, a small village in itself. Ten such men in town would start a western boom in short order.

Delroy was the eldest son of Samuel Monroe, of Nanticoke, and is now in his 45th year. He came to Whitney's Point in 1874 and first worked as a carpenter for Eli Black on the Nioga block. After two years he bought out Ed Dunham in the carting business, Luell Olmstead, Hiram King and Ben Eldredge being then engaged in the same occupation. For four years he run one horse, then he put on a team. Now he owns three fine teams with a full equipment of wagons, tools, etc., and employs two men regularly at carting, including his son Clinton D. Monroe. He is Street Commissioner and employs several more men on this work, and during busy times such as harvesting ice, he has employed as high as 30 to 40 men and every-

thing always moves like clock work.

Since coming here Mr. Monroe has also been engaged in the livery, sash and blind factory, lumber business and building. Among the costlier residences erected by him, was one for A. H. Youmans, the one now owned by Frank Canfield, the M. D. Branday house, and lastly his own elegantly appointed home, besides many others. He is at present engaged, besides carting, in the lumber, shingle, lime and cement business, and does a livery business of the better class, supplying teams and carriages for weddings, funerals, etc.

About 1876 Mr. Monroe was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Ford, of Nanticoke. Five children have brightened their home, all living here except their son Ed., who is now a resident of San Jose, Cal.

MAURICE O. EGGLESTON

Came to Whitney's Point with his parents in 1889 from the eastern part of this township, where he was born October 1, 1859. For two years he was employed as clerk in the store of J. P. Griffin, and then for several years he

was associated with Chas. H. Emens in the furniture and undertaking business. Following this he resided in Homer two years being employed in the store of Newcomb & Deyo.

In 1889 he returned to this place and again took up the undertaking business in partnership with L. N. English, succeeding the late F. H. Hollis in the active management.

Not long after this he purchased the interest of Mr. English and has since conducted the business independently.

At the time of the fire his ware rooms were in the Taft building, but are now located in the Monroe buildings on Liberty street.

He is also an expert embalmer and has facilities for conducting funerals such as are seldom found outside of the cities.

He was married May 16, 1883, to Miss Edith L. Thurston and they have two children, Alfred and Elsie, and reside in the Thurston residence on Riverside Drive. Mr. Eggleston has served his town (Barker) for four years as justice of the peace and four years as supervisor, both of which offices were filled in an acceptable manner.



HARDWARE STORE OF J. J. JOHNSON & SON.

J. J. JOHNSON & SON.

For twenty-eight years Mr. J. J. Johnson has been engaged in the hardware business in this place. He was born in New York City in 1842, and at an early age moved to Delaware Co. where he learned the tinners' trade at Roxbury, and for eight years was engaged in the hardware business at Andes.

He was married in 1867 to Miss Margaret Hopkins and in 1870 came to Whitney's Point and opened a hardware store on Main street, where he remained until the fire of 1897.

In 1892 his son, William H., joined him in the business under the firm name of J. J. Johnson & Son, and still retains an interest in the business.

In 1884 Mr. Johnson erected the large two story building on Main street next to the REPORTER office which they used as a store house for heavy hardware and surplus stock. After the fire which destroyed the other store, they remodeled this building into a temporary store and dwelling, as shown in the above cut. They carry a full line of hardware, including stoves, shelf goods, tinware, and builders' and agricultural supplies, and have built up a good substantial business.

W. H. Johnson is one of our busiest young men, and for several years past has taken an active part in the business of the firm and has also done a large business in buying and shipping farm produce, lumber, etc. At present the greater part of his time is spent as the traveling representative of Geo. A. Kent & Co., of Binghamton.

JOHN ELLIOTT,

Moved to this place in 1888 and opened a feed store in the Andrews block near the depot. Within a few months and just before that building was destroyed by fire, he removed to the Taft store where he remained until the fire of 1897 when his entire stock was burned, as well as his furniture in the house next to Quick's hotel. Immediately after the fire he resumed business in the building of D. S. Monroe on Liberty street, and about January 1st moved to his present location on Main street, next to the W. D. Edmister residence.

OUR ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

No man is better known in Whitney's Point business circles than David O'Connell. He lets his light shine every night, barring accidents, and is always in town on the first of the month.

**DAVID O'CONNELL.**

The plant was installed here in September, 1896, and though the company has had many obstacles to overcome, they seem at the present to have surmounted them and everything is running smoothly. The water power at Millville is used, the dynamo being located there. There are now about 250 lights installed and it is conceded that we have a much better light than most towns.

**NEW RESIDENCE OF DR. O. C. HALL.**



NEW RESIDENCE OF L. N. ENGLISH, NEXT TO M. E. CHURCH.

F. E. NICHOLS & SON.

The furniture business of this firm must be considered a part of the new Whitney's Point, as their permanent residence here dates from August, 1897.

Previous to this time they were engaged at contract building at Marathon, N. Y., and their first business here was in that line, they erecting the handsome residences of Messrs. Morse and English as shown in the accompanying illustrations.

The fact that Messrs. Nichols have built two of the finest houses in town in a manner entirely satisfactory to the owners is abundant proof that they are expert mechanics.

After the completion of these buildings, they decided to embark in the furniture business, and for this purpose remodeled the Longbothum house on Main street, and in February of the present year began what has proved to be a very prosperous business.

Their stock is new and attractive and fills the entire building, besides which they have a large repair shop in the rear.

They are enjoying a good local trade as well as a liberal patronage from the neighboring towns.

Mr. F. E. Nichols will continue building in connection with the above business while his son devotes his entire time to the store trade.

Mr. Wm. Nichols, the junior partner, was married July 22, 1897, to Miss Mary Congdon, of Itaska. They reside in the Branday house on Main street next to their store.

DANIELS & FORD.

Geo. H. Daniels was born at Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y., in August, 1838, and lived there until 18 years of age when he went to Delhi to learn the jeweler's trade. After three years he returned to Franklin and conducted a business for himself for four years. In September, 1863, he came to this place and erected the building shown on a previous page which was recently

occupied by Hiram King, standing next to the post-office.

He conducted a jewelry and drug business in this building until 1866, when he erected the building he now occupies opposite the High School grounds.

Mr. Daniels has always taken pride in his business and has the satisfaction of knowing that there is not a neater or better stocked country jewelry store in the State.

He has always given the business his personal attention and spares no expense or trouble to have the best of everything for his trade.

During this time his two sons, John and George, have learned the trade from him and each is now nicely settled in a business of his own; the one at Albion, N. Y., and the other at Olean, N. Y.

In February, 1896, Mr. Walter A. Ford was admitted to partnership after having been employed by Mr. Daniels for two and one-half years previously.

Mr. Ford was born at Marathon, June 24, 1874, and resided there until coming here in September, 1893.

He has taken charge of the active work of the store and has shown himself to be an energetic and capable young man. He is a Mason and also an enthusiastic sportsman, and takes special interest in bicycling and photography. He is engaged in the sale of bicycles as a side issue and has supplied several riders this season.



NEW RESIDENCE OF C. B. MORSE.



RESIDENCE OF JESSE AMES—First view, showing ruins the day of the fire; second view, the restored building.

OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THE CORPORATE VILLAGE.

D. L. MAXFIELD.

THE VILLAGE of Whitney's Point was incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 291 of the laws of 1870, at a special election held at the law office of Ransom Howland, Esq. in March, 1871.

The village officers chosen for the first year were: President, Ransom Howland; Trustees, Alonzo Collins, Stephen N. Stone, Lucius A. Johnson; Treasurer, Samuel H. Birdsall; Clerk, Charles S. Olmstead; Collector, Dayton Church; Street Commissioner, W. H. Rogers; Police Constable, W. P. Rightmire; Pound Master, Jabez Johnson.

The following persons have since served the village in the capacity of President or Trustee: Israel Stevens, William H. Rogers, Rufus Park, Samuel E. Birdsall, Milo B. Eldredge, George W. Rogers, George W. Seymour, Lewis Dunham, Owen C. Hall, Mark D. Branday, J. Irving Greene, Joseph S. Patterson, Lewis Taft, John

J. Johnson, George H. Adams, Andrew Southerland, Willis D. Edmister, Francis T. Wilcox, Ransom Page, Luther I. Waite, Willis O. Newcomb, Eben H. Landers, Frank D. Gridley, Fred J. Robinson, Delos W. Burdick, Solomon P. Allen, Joseph McCallum, George W. Livermore, Thomas J. Wheatcroft, Samuel S. Parsons, Ward L. Mersereau, Fred E. Allen, M. Frank Perry, Marcellus Landers, and Herbert F. Birdsall.

The officers for the present year are: Arthur W. Page, President; Amos M. Johnson, James P. Wells, Trustees; Chester Eldridge, Collector; Hiram King, Treasurer; DelRoy S. Monroe, Street Commissioner; George R. Seymour, Police Constable; David L. Maxfield, Clerk; Parley M. Brown, Leroy T. Wilcox, George H. Daniels, Board of Health; Dr. A. H. Pellette, Health Officer.

The advantages of incorporation are plainly evident in good sidewalks, graded and well kept streets, and an equipment of steamer, hose cart, hose, etc., for fire protection.

OUR VILLAGE OFFICERS.

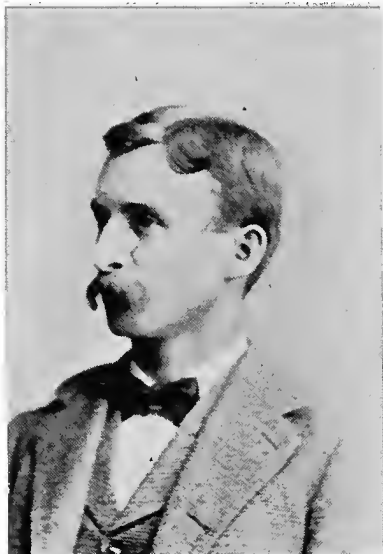
ARTHUR W. PAGE

Was born on the homestead farm on Page brook, Aug. 11th, 1860. His parents were Ransom and Lydia Page, the latter being now a resident of Greene. Arthur received his schooling at the Whitney's Point Academy, after which he entered into partnership with his father in the egg business, which proved a successful and profitable venture. Upon the death of his father in 1886, he succeeded to the business, which has continued to increase until it has become one of the leading interests in this section. The plant consists of two cold storage houses, packing house, barn, etc. From one to seven men are employed and from 100,000 to 125,000 dozen eggs are handled annually. The eggs are mainly picked up in this section, though occasionally bought in the West in car load lots. During the past few years Mr. Page has become interested in the creamery business. He first started one on Page brook, and now owns four, viz: Page brook, Penelope, Triangle and German Five Corners. (Views of some of these creameries and of the egg houses may be seen in the latter part of this book.) The creameries are all equipped with the latest and best machinery and appliances, managed by skilled butter makers, and the aim is to produce the very finest grade of butter on the market.

Mr. Page, his wife and little son occupy the lower part of the Page residence just north of this village.



A. W. PAGE, Village President.



JAS. P. WELLS, Trustee Two Years.

JAMES P. WELLS.

Mr. Wells was born in Newark Valley May 22, 1860, and in 1865 removed to this place with his parents. In 1879 he entered the dry goods store of D. B. Davis & Bro. as clerk and the year following succeeded the junior partner in the firm which became Davis & Wells, Wells & Deyo, and Wells & Shanley successively. In March, 1897, he retired from this business and in August became actively engaged with the Birdsall, Waite & Perry Mfg. Co. of which he is now Vice-President and Secretary. He is serving his second term as Justice of the Peace and at the last village election was elected Trustee for a full term.

June 11, 1884, he was married to Miss Julia Thurston, and they have two children, Edwin and Alma.

AMOS M. JOHNSON,
Elected Trustee at the recent village election, is a native of this town, and a grandson of Capt. Amos Johnson, mentioned on page 6. He was first engaged in the factory, then clerked for Seeber & Youmans, and afterwards went to Marathon where he was for four years engaged in the mercantile business. Since that time he has been traveling on the road, an account of which will be found elsewhere. Mr. Johnson is known as a jolly good fellow and is the life of any company. He enjoys fishing and hunting, is a good judge of horse flesh and lately has acquired something of a reputation as a cabbage dealer.

Mr. Johnson was married June 29, 1886, to Miss Nellie Eggleston. They have two children.



AMOS M. JOHNSON, Trustee One Year.



DAVID L. MAXFIELD.

DAVID L. MAXFIELD, ESQ.

David L. Maxfield was born in Schoharie county, N. Y. His father was David L. Maxfield son of George Maxfield of Columbia county, N. Y., and his mother was Marilla Gates, daughter of Nathan Gates and granddaughter of Oldham Gates, Esq., a soldier of the American Revolution, who took part in the campaign under General Gates against Burgoyne, and was present at his surrender at Saratoga, N. Y.

His parents died before he was ten years old and he has lived in Whitney's Point since 1861.

He was educated at the Whitney's Point Academy, read law in the office of Ransom Howland, Esq., and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He was elected Clerk of the village in 1874, and is now serving the twenty-fifth consecutive year in that office; he is also serving his third term as a Justice of the Peace of the town. In 1894-5 he was Clerk of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, and of the Constitutional Convention, and in 1897 he was a Deputy Clerk of the Assembly.

In 1880 he was united in marriage to Minnie E. Shepard, eldest daughter of Rev. C. D. Shepard of the Wyoming Conference, and they have one child, Charles D. Maxfield, now in his eleventh year, who is a student at the Whitney's Point Academy.

Mr. Maxfield has always been an active political worker and is an uncompromising Republican.

He has been a member of the Board of Education and of the Fire Department, and has always taken an active interest in local affairs.



RESIDENCE OF A. M. JOHNSON.



CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

D. L. MAXFIELD.

THIS CHURCH was incorporated on the 4th day of April, 1843, under the corporate name of the "First Methodist Episcopal Church of the town of Triangle," as appears from the following certificate taken from the records of the Broome County Clerk's office.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

We the undersigned do certify, that at a meeting of the male members of the church and congregation of the Methodist Episcopal church and society of the town of Triangle, at Whitney's Point, according to public notice given according to the statute in such case made and provided on this 4th day of April, 1843, at the brick store at Whitney's Point aforesaid, the place of public worship of said society, Rev. Thomas D. Wire and J. N. Brockway were called to preside at said meeting, whereupon it was resolved that we organize into a religious society to be and remain a body corporate under the name and title of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of the town of Triangle, Broome-co. and that we elect and have five Trustees of and for said church and society and that by a majority of votes given at said meeting Levi Nobles, Archibald M. Alerton, Edward Durfee, J. N. Brockway and John D. Peck, were elected and are to be the Trustees of and for said society, and that by casting lots Levi Nobles was drawn for the first class, Edward Durfee, Archibald M. Alerton of the 2nd class, J. N. Brockway, John D. Peck of the third class, and that our annual meeting for Trustees Election be hereafter, on the first Tuesday of March in each year hereafter.

Given under the hands and seals of us the

said Presiding Officers at said Meeting on this 4th day of April, 1843, aforesaid.

In presence of { THOMAS D. WIRE, (L. S.)
J. C. MOORE, { J. N. BROCKWAY, (L. S.)
G. W. MOORE, }

BROOME COUNTY, ss:

On the 5th day of April, 1843, personally came before me George W. Moore to me personally known who being duly sworn says that he saw Thomas D. Wire and J. N. Brockway to him known to be the persons described in & who executed this Instrument execute the same & that he set his name thereto as a subscribing witness and that he, the witness, resides in the town of Chenango & County of Broome.

WM. SEYMOUR, first Judge of Broome County Courts.

JOHN C. MOORE, Clerk.

Recorded 5 April, 1843, at 3 1/2 P. M.

As appears from the contents of this certificate, "the place of public worship of said society" was at the time of its incorporation, "at the brick store at Whitney's Point," which afterwards became the postoffice, located on the site now occupied by the Wilcox block.

It seems evident from this, that the present church edifice was built not earlier than 1843, but as the records of the Trustees were burned in the recent fire, there is no way of ascertaining the exact date; it was rebuilt in 1868. The society also owns a parsonage situate on Liberty street near the church, built in 1876, during the

pastorate of the Rev. C. D. Shepard.

The total value of the church property is estimated to be \$5000.00.

The present number of members is 144.

The Sunday School has an enrolled membership of 120, and Eugene B. Strong is Superintendent.

The Epworth League of which Chas. B. Morse is President, has a membership of 56.

A Chapter of the Junior League, with a membership of 35, a Ladies Aid Society and a branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society are valuable adjuncts of the society.

The present Board of Trustees consists of Dr. Owen C. Hall, President; Luke N. English, Treasurer; David L. Maxfield, Secretary; Joseph McCallum, Lewis Dunham, Charles B. Morse.

The following is a list of pastors who have served this charge since 1856, with the dates of their pastorates:

1856-7—G. R. Haire,	1875—C. A. Ward,
1858—A. F. Harding,	1876-7—C. D. Shepard,
1859-60—A. C. Sperry,	1878-9-80—A. C. Sperry,
1861—W. Silsbee,	1881-2—C. A. Benjamin,
1862-3—S. E. Walworth,	1883-4—L. W. Peck,
1864-5—W. B. Thomas,	1885-6-7—A. D. Alexander,
1866-7—Geo. G. Comfort,	1888-9—J. B. Cook,
1868—D. D. Lindsley &	1890-1-2—F. H. Dupuy,
J. N. Lee,	1893—Wm. Frisby,
1869-70—C. E. Taylor,	1894—J. B. Santee,
1871—Hubbard Fox,	1895—F. A. Chapman,
1872-3-4—J. W. Hewitt,	1896-7-8—E. R. D. Briggs,

REV. E. R. D. BRIGGS.

The subject of this sketch was born in the town of Oxford, N. Y., Sept. 30th, 1853, his parents soon after removing to a small farm some three miles west of Tyner, in the town of Smithville, N. Y., where his youth was spent.

School opportunities in that district were very meager. Great interest was taken however by the parents; each child given special lessons and training, almost every evening in the year.

The first three terms of school away from home were obtained by "doing chores for board," the first on "Painter Hill," South Oxford, the others in the same manner at Oxford Academy. Several terms were subsequently spent at the academy, followed by one year in Colgate at Hamilton, N. Y. Six winters were spent in school teaching, one year in Oxford. Four winters the teacher boarded around.

Mr. Briggs was grandly converted to Christ on Sunday evening, Nov. 28th, 1875, in the Baptist church at Oxford, during a great revival conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Patterson of Binghamton. A few days later with sixteen others he was baptized into the church, the baptisms taking place in the river. This changed the whole course of his life, as the Lord immediately called him from his chosen profession, into His ministry.

Having united with the M. E. church at Oxford, he was licensed to preach in the early winter of 1878, joining the Conference in the spring. His appointments have been as follows: Park Place and Greene Ridge, Scranton, Pa., two years; North Fenton, one year; Lisle, one year; Berkshire, three years; Greene, three years; Morris, three years; Marathon, five years; Whitney's Point, two. In most places genuine revivals have followed, the pastor acting as his own Evangelist.

On October 16th, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Laura H. Arnold of McDonough, N. Y., who, through the twenty years of the constant pastorate, has borne her full share in its labors. They have one child, Miss Laura Christina, born while at Morris, N. Y., April 26th, 1889. Mr. Briggs is just beginning his third year's service in this village.



REV. E. R. D. BRIGGS.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.



Chapter 3,145 of the M. E. church, was organized June 2d, 1890, with 41 charter members. The pastor at that time, Rev. E. H. DuPuy, was instrumental in organizing the society and was its first President. Weekly devotional meetings are held regularly each Sunday just previous to the evening preaching service and the general average of attendance has been good. The business of the society is transacted at the meetings held for that purpose on the first Monday evening of each month. There are 60 members at present with officers as follows: President, C. B. Morse; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. L. Maxfield, Mrs. L. N. English, Mrs. C. B. Morse and Miss Carrie Burghardt; Sec'y, W. A. Cady; Treas., Mrs. Melissa Stone. These represent the six departments of the League.

The Junior League, an auxiliary of the above, intended for younger members, was organized in July, 1894, by Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Frisby and Mrs. Frisby was the first Superintendent. Their meetings are held at the church on Thursday afternoons. The present membership numbers 31 with Miss Edith Butts as Superintendent, and Miss Effie Gaylord, Assistant Superintendent.

—One difficulty the writers of various articles for this paper have found to contend with is the lack of records, nearly everything of that kind having been burned. Many old residents have been consulted, and their memories are sometimes dim, especially as regards the exact dates of certain occurrences, hence our readers must make due allowance.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

DR. R. A. SEYMOUR.

The First Presbyterian Church of Whitney's Point was organized as Congregational Sept. 7, 1854. Thirty-one members of the church at Lisle, who resided at Whitney's Point, took letters from the parent church, adopted Articles of Faith, a Church Covenant and subscribing thereto, were duly constituted a separate body. Four also united by letter from other churches. During the year new members were received by letter and on profession of faith, so that the second year began with a total membership of eighty-two. The meeting house was built during the summer of 1842, and for the next twelve years pastors from Lisle and other adjoining towns conducted services therein. The first regular pastor of the newly organized church was Rev. John Jones, who began his work in January, 1855, and remained one year. His successors number seventeen, among whom were Reverends S. N. Robinson, O. B. Hitchcock, deceased; O. P. Conklin still living at Rochester, N. Y.; Dwight W. Marsh, R. A. Clark of Wisconsin; Benjamin F. Sargent of Petaluma, Cal.; Horatio Shaw of Worcester, N. Y.; Edward W. Lake of Binghamton, whose pastorate of six years was the longest of any. For a short time during his student days Washington Gladden supplied the pulpit.

As many among the early members favored the Presbyterian form of government it was unanimously voted Dec. 9, 1854, "that this church unite with Cortland Presbytery upon the plan of union or accommodation. This plan was followed until Nov. 18, 1873, when it was voted "to adopt the Presbyterian form of government, elect a board of elders and enter into full ecclesiastical relations with the Presbyterian church of the United States." Since that time the church has been connected with the Presbytery of Binghamton, and known as the First Presbyterian Church of Whitney's Point. During the same year while Rev. R. A. Clark was pastor, the building was removed from its original site near Main street directly opposite the store of Daniels & Ford, to its present location. It was also enlarged by adding space for the pulpit platform and choir loft in the rear, and the session room building on the west side. The old windows with their 7x9 panes of glass were replaced by double windows and

the building otherwise repaired and improved in its appearance.

During the early history of the church several cases of discipline are recorded, resulting in the suspension or ex-communication of the offending members. The fact that its exercise of this prerogative is unheard of today, plainly implies that the selection of recruits for the church militant is made with much greater care than formerly, thereby forcing the provisions for ecclesiastical court martial into absolute if not "innocuous desuetude."

During the forty-four years of its existence three hundred and fifty-seven members have been enrolled, but deaths and dismissals to other churches have materially reduced its active membership. Of the thirty-five originally composing the church, only three are now living, Mrs. Mary Freeman Seymour of Norwalk, Conn., Mrs. Mary W. Squire of Scranton, Pa., and Mrs. Laura Thurston of this place.

Among the oldest inhabitants in this village, who have long since passed away, there were many who will be remembered as prominently identified with the temporal and spiritual interests of this church, and whose first thought was the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Such were Deacons Wm. Osborne and William G. Shuart, Earlman Rogers, senior and junior, Harvey Squire, Chas. A. Cook, Eliza Ford and Dorcas Peck.

"Though dead they speak in reason's ear,
And in example live;
Their faith and hope and mighty deeds
Still fresh instruction give."

Since October last the pulpit has been ably supplied by Rev. Edward Taylor, D. D. of Binghamton. The attendance at church service has notably increased, and the spiritual interest of the congregation has been awakened through his clear and forcible presentation of the truth. The number of communicants is now eighty-two. A flourishing Sunday School of one hundred enrolled members is conducted immediately after morning service, Mr. M. O. Eggleston, Superintendent. Prayer and conference service every Saturday evening.

The Ladies Aid Society and Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society hold monthly meetings and are efficient auxiliaries to the benevolent work of the church. Mrs. W. H. Allport is President of the Ladies Aid Society and Mrs. Homer Smith of the Missionary Society which has the distinction of being the oldest in the Presbytery.

The official board of elders is composed of six members who hold office for three years, two being elected each year at the annual church meeting. The present board are J. S. Patterson, F. C. Branday, C. M. Cook, M. O. Eggleston, H. T. Stiles and J. P. Wells. The Trustees are A. W. Page, H. T. Stiles and J. P. Wells.

EDWARD TAYLOR,



was born in Lee, Berkshire county, Mass., Oct. 6, 1821. He graduated at Williams college in 1842 and at Auburn Theological Seminary in 1846. Dr. Taylor

was duly installed to pastorates over churches in Hinsdale, Mass., Lansingburgh, N. Y., Kalamazoo, Mich., Brooklyn, N. Y., and Binghamton. Laid aside from preaching nearly four years by insomnia he had pastorates without installation and still retaining residence in Binghamton, in Norwich, Utica, (where he organized Plymouth church), Greene, Cortland. Since his five years at Cortland he has served as a Sabbath supply for pastorless churches in Newark Valley, Berkshire, Sidney, Lisle, Susquehanna, Binghamton, and now at Whitney's Point. He has been identified with educational interests, having had oversight of common schools and been Trustee of two colleges and two Theological seminaries.

He was for several years connected with the National Guard of this state, having been commissioned by Gov. John A. Dix as chaplain of the Thirtieth regiment in Brooklyn, and by Gov. Hoffman to the same rank in the Forty-fourth regiment in Broome county. During the war Dr. Taylor did Christian commission work in Hancock's Veteran Corps at Camp Stoneman and in various other places.

He had nearly one year's travel in Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land.

Although in the seventy-seventh year of his age no "dead line" is in sight.

In a recent eight days he met fourteen platform and pulpit engagements and was PLUS for more.

Y. P. S. C. E.



The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized in August, 1887, and the first regular devotional meeting

was held on the 21st of that month.

The original society was formed by the young people of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches and for several months meetings were held in these churches alternating by months. The first officers elected were: President, Harry J. Walter; Vice-President, Lena Lovell; Secretary, Mary Woughter, and Treasurer, Junius Cook.

For several years other churches were represented in the society, but at present the membership is confined to the two above mentioned and meetings are held in the two churches changing quarterly. A weekly devotional meeting is held during the hour previous to the evening service of the church, the last one in each month being known especially as a consecration service. The business of the society is transacted at a meeting held the first Monday evening of each month.

The present membership numbers 65 and officers are as follows: President, E. H. Oliver; Vice-President, Gertrude Morse; Secretary, Ina A. Burdick, and Treasurer, Gertrude Showers.

A Junior Endeavor society was organized in April, 1898, with about 20 members and meetings are held at four o'clock each Sunday afternoon. The members elect their own officers and manage the business of the society under the supervision of representatives from the Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

MRS. G. R. SEYMOUR.

Before the erection of the church edifice the first service of the Episcopal form was held in the Presbyterian church, conducted by Bishop Coxe of Western New York, assisted by Rev. J. W. Capen of Binghamton, who preached regularly once in two weeks. Mrs. Wm. Cook and Mrs. Ransom Howland were communicants, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mrs. Caroline Burghardt, Mrs. Alonzo Collins and Mrs. Lewis Rogers were the first persons receiving baptism by Mr. Capen. They were confirmed by the Rev. F. D. Huntington, Bishop of this diocese May 14th, 1870. In the fall of that year a church society was organized and plans made for the erection of the present building. The land on which the church stands belonged to the Whitney estate, being a part of the lot on which Mrs. Frances Whitney Cook then resided. It was deeded to the society by Mr. Vincent Whitney of Cincinnati. The corner stone of the

church was laid by Bishop Huntington June 3d, 1871, with appropriate ceremonies. It was completed and consecrated Dec. 30, 1871, and Rev. J. W. Capen entered upon the duties of rector. He held this office until the close of the year 1882, with only a short interval. The erection of the church edifice was due mainly to the efforts of Rev. Mr. Capen. Shortly after Rev. Wm. B. Hooper, who resided here, was rector for a short time. He was succeeded by Rev. Russell Todd who came here from Chenango Forks and whose rectorship lasted nearly four years. He went from here to Lebanon, Mo., in Sept., 1887.

Rev. J. A. Robinson of Cortland, began holding services once in two weeks and soon on every Sunday. He was greatly loved by the members of the church and the harmony and good will which prevailed during the eight years of his pastorate was the reflection of his loving kindness and faithfulness. He won the respect of the entire community, and to every one who knew him he seemed a personal friend. At his death which occurred Dec. 16, 1897, words of sorrow were heard from many who had never attended his church but had felt the kindly influence of his presence and were made better by it. The text chosen at the memorial service held in January, 1898, fitly described him, "He was a good man full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." Mr. Robinson was called to Homer in 1895 and Rev. F. W. Maccaud had charge of the church here until Dec. 12, 1897, Mr. Robinson visiting here and holding services occasionally during that time.

At the present time the Rev. E. Warren Saphore of Syracuse, is serving temporarily as rector in charge.

The church has an organized Sunday School, also a Parish Aid Society which has been in existence ever since the church was erected, the officers of which are as follows: President, Mrs. F. E. Nowlan; Vice-President, Mrs. Fayette Seeber; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. L. Bennett.

At the annual church meeting L. Bennett and L. I. Waite were elected church wardens, and Jesse Randall, Lee Stone, J. P. Northrup, James Bump and F. E. Nowlan vestrymen.

At the time of the great fire there was only one building intervening between the church and the last building burned on the north side of Main-st., while the spire of the church caught fire several times.



NEW BAPTIST CHURCH—Dedicated May 5th, 1898.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

MRS. C. HYDE.

In March 1842, religious meetings were held in an unoccupied store by Rev. James M. Coley of Binghamton and Rev. D. W. Litchfield of Upper Lisle. As an outcome of these meetings the First Baptist church of Whitney's Point was organized, June 2, 1842. Delegates were invited from the neighboring churches to assist in this service. The first Lisle Baptist church which was organized in 1802 and is the mother of all the surrounding churches sends as delegates Dea. Seth Dickinson, Ebenezer Green, Anson Dickinson and Clark Sherwood. Union village, now Killawog, sends Dea. Cyrus Salisbury, Nathaniel Bosworth and Hiram McCall. Barker, Elder Caleb Hayes, Lewis Stoughton and Orlando Parsons. Maine, Alfred Gates, Nahum Newton. Second Baptist church of Lisle now Nanticoke, Consider Howland and Jacob Councilman. Triangle, Amos Johnson. It is pleasant to recall these names as some of their descendants to the fourth and fifth generation are living in this vicinity. A building was soon purchased which stood where the Griffin block was before the fire. Comfortable seats and a desk being made, it

was occupied about eleven years. In 1853 land was purchased of Thomas Whitney and a church was erected at a cost of \$2,500. Rev. S. M. Stimson of Binghamton, preached the sermon at the dedication from Psalm 96:6, "Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary," and Rev. David Leach made the prayer of dedication. Chas. A. Seymour was for many years the only deacon. G. W. Livermore and Seth Dickinson are the present ones. No account of this church could be complete without mention of the long years of loving service of Dr. Harry Hemingway and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Chittenden and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Randall. Mrs. Fanny Hemingway Griggs is the only one remaining of the constituent membership.

Under the leadership of Rev. J. M. Crandall in 1886 a conference room was added, a baptistry and a dining room and the interior of the church renovated and improved. Rev. L. A. Crandall, D. D. of New York, assisted at the re-dedication. The membership began with 34 and now numbers 120, although about 30 are non-resident. During Mr. Crandall's time the church at Centre Lisle disbanded, deeding their property to this church, most of the members uniting here. It was also about this time that the Ladies Aid

Society, which has been for some years an effective assistant, was re-organized, and has ever since been an able and efficient co-operator and sometimes a leader in every department of church work.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has for officers, Mrs. F. E. Allen, President; Mrs. R. W. Whaley, Sec'y; Mrs. D. J. Robinson, Treas.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is united with the Presbyterian society. The young ladies of the church have a missionary society called the "Farther Lights." There is also a Junior Y. P. S. C. E. recently formed as a union society.

The Trustees of the church are F. E. Allen, President; V. W. Hemingway, J. L. McMasters, E. H. Oliver, Frank Wooster, and L. S. Hyde, Sec'y.

We now come to what might be styled the second volume of our history. On April 23, 1897, the ever memorable day when our town was overwhelmed with a fiery storm, the Baptist church was the last building to burn on the south side of Main street. Before the next Sunday cordial offers of a place to worship came from both the Presbyterian and M. E. societies.

The Sunday School, E. H. Oliver, Supt., has not lost a single session, meeting on one side of the Presbyterian church until a hall was completed in the second story of Morse's store. A committee on building was appointed, Messrs. E. B. Black, G. W. Livermore, V. W. Hemingway, F. E. Allen and Judson Paige, also a committee of ladies, Mrs. F. E. Allen, Mrs. M. E. McDowell and Mrs. D. J. Robinson. The corner stone was laid Oct. 4, 1897, with appropriate services, Rev. E. R. D. Briggs of the M. E. church officiating. The grand old hymn "How firm a foundation," was sung by the assembly with fine effect.

On Thursday, May 5, 1898, the new house was dedicated for christian worship. The anxiety and responsibility of the committee reaped a rich reward, when so many competent judges pronounced the completed work so fine and beautiful. Guests were present from Marathon, Lisle, Upper Lisle, Willet, Triangle, Castle Creek, Maine, Nanticoke, Lestershire and Binghamton. Rev. J. M. Crandall of Lestershire, a former pastor, loved and revered by the whole town, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Mr. Briggs of the M. E. church, Rev. Mr. Pope of Castle Creek, and Rev. Mr. Auringer of Killawog. Mr. Crandall's words were from the text Isa. 60:13, "The glory of Lebanon,



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious." The solemn prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. Dr. Phillips of the First Baptist church, Binghamton. In the evening after some fine sacred music, Dr. Phillips spoke on the "Christian's Possessions" in such a manner as left nothing more to be desired.

The new house is much more beautiful than the first one, and while it will be many years before it will be the centre of so many blessed memories as rendered the former house of God the gate of Heaven to many loving hearts, yet may it not be that as in the sublime words of the Judean prophet, the glory of the latter house shall exceed that of the former in the more especial presence of the Divine Master, the King of Kings.

PASTORS.

1842-4—G. W. Mead,	1872-5—T. I. Cole,
1844-5—Rogers,	1876-7—Wm. Gates,
1845-9—T. J. Cole,	1877-81—B. T. Davies,
1849-52—E. T. Jacobs,	1881-3—J. D. Barnes,
1852-67—Wm. Gates,	1883-4—D. J. Williams,
1867-8—W. T. Henry,	1884-5—W. L. Johnson,
1868-9—G. Remington,	1886-91—J. M. Crandall,
1870-2—D. T. Ross,	1892-7—T. P. Morgan.

—Whitney's Point might well be called a city of churches. Few places with a population of less than 1,000 support five churches with their auxiliary societies. All of these interests are well cared for and in a flourishing condition at this time.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH.

MISS ELIZABETH ALLEN.

Thirty years ago the Catholics in this vicinity consisted of only a few families, and there being no church for divine worship, Rev. Father Hourigan (deceased) then of Binghamton, came two or three times a year and celebrated mass at the humble homes of his people.

In a few years the Catholic society so increased that in 1870 they purchased for \$1300 a wagon shop which stood on the site now occupied by the Wagoner house. During the five years in which this was used as a place of worship Rev. Michael Renehan was pastor. In 1872 Alonzo Collins donated to the Catholic society the land where the church now stands. For three years Father Renehan labored amidst the greatest difficulties for the erection of the church, which was completed in 1875 at a cost of \$7,000. Father Renehan having been appointed to a broader field was succeeded here by his brother, Rev. Jas. Renehan, who remained a year and in turn was succeeded by Rev. William Dougherty. During his brief pastorate Father Dougherty purchased the land for the Catholic cemetery, burials heretofore having taken place at Binghamton. After his death, which occurred in 1882, Rev. James Meagher was appointed pastor and remained three years. He was succeeded by

Rev. B. A. Smith, and afterwards Rev. P. F. Harrick was pastor for about five years. By his labors, Father Harrick cancelled the debt on the church, besides causing numerous repairs. After his death which occurred in 1892, the present pastor, Rev. C. V. McGuire, was appointed.

The following brief biography of Father McGuire may prove interesting to our readers.



REV. C. V. MCGUIRE.

He was born in Ireland in 1860; educated at the public schools, and afterwards graduated from St. Mary's College, Dundalk. He then went to France where he studied at Lyons and Bordeaux, becoming proficient in the French language. He afterwards spent several years in the Catholic universities at Dublin. In 1884 he came to America and on December 21st of the same year was ordained at New Orleans by Archbishop Lerey, after which he spent three years as teacher of sciences and classics in the University of Jefferson, Louisiana. He then entered missionary life at New Orleans but was soon forced by ill health to join his people in Syracuse. He was connected with the Cathedral at that place until his appointment to this parish, excepting one year, in which he acted as assistant in St. Patrick's parish, Binghamton. During his pastorate here Father McGuire has been untiring in his efforts to improve and beautify the church, having remodeled the interior together with numerous exterior improvements, besides purchasing the land at the front of the church reaching to the foot of the hill; and notwithstanding those expenses the church remains entirely free from debt.

Father McGuire has also labored zealously in the northern part of his parish, the result of his labor being

one of the finest churches of its kind in the state. This parish includes the villages of Messengerville, Marathon, Killawog, Lisle, Whitney's Point and Chenango Forks, and the surrounding hamlets of Center Lisle, Nanticoke, Triangle and Barker.

During the winter months Sunday services are held alternately at Marathon and Whitney's Point, while for the remainder of the year mass is celebrated every Sunday at both of those places.

The number of Catholic families in this section of the parish, which in 1868 was less than a dozen, is now nearly ninety, making a total membership of more than three hundred.

TEMPERANCE UNION.

A Temperance Union was formed here over a year and a half ago, and meetings are held alternately in the various churches once a month for the purpose of educating the people, and Sabbath School scholars particularly on temperance matters. The officers are: E. R. D. Briggs, President; E. B. Strong, E. H. Oliver and M. O. Eggleston, Vice-Presidents; Julien Hyde, Secretary; A. W. Page, Treasurer.

CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE.

A branch of the Christian and Missionary Alliance was organized in this place some months ago with M. O. Eggleston as President and Mrs. J. L. Patterson as Secretary.

Regular meetings are held every Tuesday evening at Biddlecom hall, Evangelistic meetings Friday evenings at private houses and bible study Sabbath afternoons.

The purposes of the society as given by one of the members is the deepening of spiritual life in christians and the evangelization of the world.

OF GENEALOGICAL INTEREST.

MAINE, N. Y., March 22, 1898.

F. C. Brundage—

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 21st inst. at hand, and in reply will say that I know very little of the early history of your locality, excepting what I have gleaned from the Stoddard genealogy, by the late Dr. Patterson, of Newark Valley, and the "Annals of Lisle," by Rev. Seth Wiliston, which were published in the REPORTER not many years since. In looking up my own genealogy I found that my father's uncle, Wright Dudley, was one of the early settlers of Lisle; that he married a daughter of General Orange Stoddard, of Stockbridge, Mass., who was one of the members of the Boston Purchase Company and a soldier of the Revolution. My father's uncle died when he was only 34 years of age, and while visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, Judge Stoddard, near "Grey's Crossing" at Hooper. Wright Dudley's widow married again, and her son by this last marriage was the author of the "Annals of Lisle." Dudley Creek and the Hotel Dudley at Lisle are named for Wright Dudley, who was formerly a merchant of Stockbridge, Mass., and in line of ancestry with the famous Field family of that place, namely, David Dudley Field, Cyrus W. Field, etc. Both families came originally from Guilford, Conn., to the Berkshire hills of Mass.

Sincerely yours,

DWIGHT DUDLEY, M. D.



RESIDENCE OF F. E. ALLEN.



WHITNEY'S POINT HIGH SCHOOL AND GROUNDS.

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

WHITNEY'S POINT HIGH SCHOOL.

PRIN. GRUBEL AND MRS. G. R. SEYMOUR.

WHITNEY'S POINT Union Free School and Academy was established in 1866 under Chap. 555, Title IX, of the General School Law of the State of New York. During its history it has maintained a high standing among the schools of the Empire state. The excellent work done by the school was fittingly recognized by the Regents about a year ago by raising its grade from senior to that of High School.

The regular four years' Classical, English and College preparatory courses are offered from which a goodly number graduate each year.

The gentlemen who served as members of the first Board of Education were C. E. Martin, Esq., Henry A. Seymour, Alonzo Collins, Asa Beach, Franklin Beach, Jacob Burghardt, Israel Stevens, Rev. Wm. Gates and Dr. F. D. Gridley. It is to the public spirit and untiring energy of these men that we owe the excellent foundation of our school system, as well as

the erection of the fine building now occupied by the High School.

D. H. Carver did much to place the school in a high position and nearly every principal and others of the faculty since his time have contributed to its welfare and progress. Hon. I. T. Deyo was an enthusiastic worker when he was principal, and he first called together the teachers and pupils of preceding years and instituted the Alumni, which has been a pleasant feature of the closing exercises of the school each year. The teacher who remained in the school for the greatest number of years was Eva H. Clapp of Lafayette, N. Y. She was an Oswego graduate and was principal of the Primary department of the school for thirteen years. Her work was excellent and the foundation laid by her in many minds, was a solid one for a fine education. Looking over the Alumni list we find a long line of able and worthy men and of honorable women not a few. Every profession, trade and industry claims an alumnus of our academy, doing well and faith-

fully the work set for them to do. Scattered north, south, east and west, over seas and continents they carry the thoughts, words and deeds learned here in our midst. Among those who received their early education here, before a course of study was planned, from which the student leaving the school might receive a diploma were F. P. Lewis, Esq., of Seattle, Wash., John G. Seymour, Esq., of Norwalk, Conn., who are representatives in the legal profession. Mr. Seymour was Com. of Patents during the second term of Cleveland's administration. Dr. Seymour, Perry and G. N. Hall in the medical profession were students of our school. Across the water, Louis Seymour and Junius F. Cook of Johannesburg, South Africa, are mentioned with pride as former pupils who began going to school in the old academy. Chas. Rogers and Fred Perry in London, England, think of early school days here. Frances M. Parsons in Joffa, Palestine, was once a pupil and afterward a teacher here. Misses Ethel and Mary Newcomb who are pursuing a musical education in Vienna began school life with us.

Those who have stepped a little aside or gone beyond the usual routine of life's daily work are mentioned simply as examples, scores of others are fulfilling life's great aim as nobly and well. Many have gone Home, promoted we trust to a higher grade, where the barriers to a finished education are done away and progress is life and joy.

The prospects of the school for the future are bright, and it is hoped that the same earnest, faithful work by the Board, Faculty and pupils may be done in the future as in the past.

The young men of the school have organized a debating club called The High School Lyceum. Much interest is taken in this work and is evidently of great benefit to the young men.

The school has had an appointment from the Department of Public Instruction to instruct a Teachers' Training Class each year since 1896. Many have availed themselves of the benefits of this class, and as a result now hold certificates which are practically good for life.

The present faculty are: H. G. Grubel, Principal; J. Hortense Hodges, Preceptress; Mabel E. Fuller, Assistant; Mrs. Lenora Jennings, Grammar Dept.; Mary L. Perce, Intermediate Dept.; Mrs. Isadore Wooster, 2d Primary; Mrs. K. J. Howard, 1st Primary.

The Alumni Association officers are: Herman Smith, President; Mulford Northrup, Mrs. F. Wooster, Vice-Presidents; Helen Collins, Secretary and Treasurer.

The members of the present Board of Education are: F. E. Allen, President; A. H. Youmans, Secretary; P. H. Landers, J. P. Northrup, F. C. Branday; D. L. Maxfield, Clerk; C. B. Morse, Treasurer.

The following men have served the school as principals since its organization:

David H. Carver, A. B.	1866-8
Erastus Beach, A. M.	1868-9
George Barton	1869
Frank D. Blakesly	1869-70
Timothy H. Roberts	1870-3
Charles N. Cunningham	1873-7
Ira M. Thatcher	1877-8
Henry M. Maxon, A. B.	1878-9
Israel T. Deyo, A. B.	1879-81
Chas. M. Brink, A. B.	1881
Wm. Strasmer	1881-3
H. Frank Miner, A. M.	1883-4
Henry Smith	1884-5
John Kelley	1885-6
Maurice E. Page, B. A.	1886-7
Frank C. Shultis	1887-8
Frank G. Gilman, B. L.	1888-90
Alva V. Wilson	1890-1
Arthur R. Mason	1891-4
Ernest P. Carr	1894-7
Henry G. Grubel	1897-8

PRINCIPAL GRUBEL.

Henry G. Grubel was born in the town of Lewis, Lewis county, N. Y., June 12, 1865, and attended district school from three years of age until he was seventeen, when he began teaching. Taught four winters and worked on the farm during the summer time. He entered the Oswego State Normal and Training school from which he graduated in January, 1891, and immediately accepted a position as teacher on Long Island. The two years following he was principal of the school at his home, West Leyden, N. Y., and then spent a year at the



FACULTY.

Mrs. Jennings.	Principal Grubel.	Miss Hodges.
Mrs. Howard.	Mr. Northrup.	Miss Perce.
	Mrs. Wooster.	

Utica Business College, graduating at the end of the year. The following year was again principal of the home school, but during the year he was offered the principalship of the Port Leyden Union school, which position he accepted and retained for three years, during which time he was president of the Lewis County Teachers' Association. In the fall of 1896 the nomination for the office of School Commissioner was tendered him by the Democratic party, but though he ran 250 votes ahead of his ticket it was not enough to overcome the immense majorities given to all Republican

candidates that year. He then entered the Cortland Normal school and spent the year in special work, graduating in June, '97, and in the September following assumed the principalship of the Whitney's Point High School. On August 17, 1897, he was married to Miss Amelia C. Myers of Mohawk Hill, N. Y.

MISS HODGES.

Miss J. Hortense Hodges was born in Union, N. Y., and received her early education in that town. She taught in the school there for three years and then attended the Cortland Normal School. After graduation taught at Marathon from January until June and the following January went to Towanda, Pa., and remained there three years. In 1890 was employed as typewriter in the office of Dr. L. D. Witherill in Union. Taught in Union during 1895-6 and came to Whitney's Point in the fall of '96 where she has been preceptress and instructor of the training class in the High school to the present time.

MISS FULLER.

Miss Mabel E. Fuller was born in Homer, N. Y., and attended school at the Homer Academy where she graduated in the Literary and Scientific and also in the Classical course in June, 1894, and was valedictorian of her class. The following fall she entered the Cortland Normal school and took a full Classical course graduating with honor in June, '97, and in September of the same year assumed the duties of Assistant Preceptress in our High school.

Owing to a severe attack of pneumonia she has been absent from her school duties for several weeks.

MRS. JENNINGS.

Lenora Wire Jennings has spent the greater part of her life in her native



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town, Taylor, Cortland county. Several years ago she was a student at the Cortland Normal, where she expects next year to complete the course so long interrupted. Her experience as teacher, extending over a period of fifteen years, has been varied, as she has taught the various grades from the district school and the primary to the principal department. Four years she was engaged in teaching a large primary school in Elkland, Pa. For a number of years past her home was in Killawog where she taught two years, before removing to this place to assume the position as the teacher of the Grammar department.

In 1885 she was married to Prof. Addison R. Jennings, a teacher widely and favorably known in Broome, Cortland and Chenango counties, also in Elkland, Pa. He died in May, 1897, leaving her not alone, as there are three boys to claim her devotion.

MISS PERCE.

The early school days of Mary E. Perce began in the district school of a little villa two miles west of Lisle. She then attended the Lisle Academy for a time, after which she entered the profession of teaching. After teaching two years in district schools she entered the training class of '97 in the Whitney's Point High School and after a year's successful labor graduated from the class and secured the position which she now occupies as teacher of the Intermediate department in the Whitney's Point High School.

MRS. WOOSTER.

Mrs. Isadore Youngs Wooster was born near Whitney's Point and attended school at the Whitney's Point Academy where she graduated in 1892. She taught two years in district schools and one year in the Intermediate department of the Chenango Forks graded school. During the past three years she has taught the Second Primary department in the Whitney's Point High School.

She was married Nov. 17, 1897, to Mr. Frank J. Wooster, a well known young man of this place.

MRS. HOWARD.

Mrs. Kate J. Howard was born in King's Settlement, Chenango county, N. Y., where she attended district schools until about twelve years of age, and then attended a select school at New Berlin for a time, and later Norwich Academy. At the age of fifteen she began teaching; for one year in a district school and then in Norwich school until ill health compelled her to resign. She came to Broome county in 1869 where she has since followed her profession steadily, nothing but sickness interfering. She began teaching in Whitney's Point Academy in Sept., 1887, where she has had charge of the 1st Primary department to the present time.

In 1879 she was married to Wilbur Howard.

MR. NORTHRUP.

Mr. Mulford Northrup, a graduate in the class of '95, took the place of Miss Fuller, the Assistant Preceptress, during her absence of several weeks on account of illness.



BIRDSALL, WAITE & PERRY CONCERT BAND.

EDMUND B. JENKS, ESQ.,

Was born at Upper Lisle, March 16, 1863, and his early education was received in the school at that place.

He learned surveying and worked for some time at that business before beginning the study of law. He spent one year in the law office of A. M. Matthewson, of Marathon, N. Y., and then in September, 1895, entered the Law Department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., at which place he was admitted to practice in January, 1896.

He at once located at Fayetteville, Tenn., where he remained about a year, returning to this place to take charge of the law office of J. P. Wheeler, March 1st, 1897.

He is now located in the front office room at the Riverside House.

MUSICALE.

A rather unique organization which has flourished for the past three seasons is the musicale—a society intended for the entertainment and self improvement of its members along musical and literary lines. During the winter season meetings are held fortnightly at the homes of the members and have proved both profitable and enjoyable. Rev. E. R. D. Briggs is president of the organization.

THE EAST SIDE PRINTERY

Is conducted by Arthur H. Brown in his house on Hickory street. Mr. Brown, now aged 46, is a good printer and one of those natural mechanics who can turn their hands to almost any kind of work. He also does paper hanging, painting, etc.

THE B. W. & P. CONCERT BAND.

W. T. CAREY.

THE early history of a brass band in Whitney's Point dates from the year 1858.

Daniel Butts, who was then a young man, and being interested in things musical, devoted his time and contributed the use of his horse for the purpose of going out among the farmers and to nearby towns soliciting subscriptions with which to purchase instruments for Whitney's Point's first band. The organization was perfected with the following names enrolled as members: S. H. Birdsall, J. Fisher, N. Livermore, E. B. Smith, L. Chittenden, A. Peck, L. Crandall, D. Thurston, Ed. Cook, C. Thurston, Perley Sibley and D. Messenger.

A printer named Evans, who worked in the old *Gazette* office, was chosen leader. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War four of the band's members enlisted and afterward became musicians in the army.

In 1860 "Uncle" Peter Guier took charge of the band and some years later was succeeded by S. H. Birdsall, and the latter was followed by his son, S. E. Birdsall.

During the past year the band has been in rather bad shape, there being no place in which to rehearse.

Following is the membership of the present organization: Wm. T. Carey, (leader) solo cornet; H. G. Grubel, 1st B flat cornet; J. Dexter Meacham, E flat cornet; Geo. Taft, 1st B flat clarinet; W. A. Ford, 2d B flat clarinet; Con. Mahony, 1st alto; Harry Taft, 2d alto; W. H. Schoolcraft, 1st tenor; Chris King, baritone; W. S. Birdsall, tuba; E. B. Jenks, snare drum; Wm. Brown, bass drum.

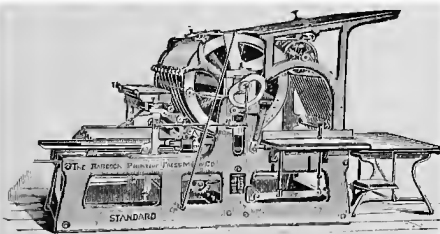
WHITNEY'S POINT NEWSPAPERS.

THE HISTORY of printing in Whitney's Point makes an interesting story. As an educating influence and one of the leading factors in the building of a town, the "art preservative of all arts" has well performed its functions.

The first paper was named the *Broome Gazette*, and was founded by G. A. Dodge. It made its initial bow to the public on June 24th, 1858, and then rested four weeks, presumably to get a fresh start. It was a modest five column four page sheet, containing perhaps a fourth as much reading matter as the present REPORTER. The subscription price was but 75c. a year. It was "devoted to the moral, social and religious development of its readers, and an earnest advocate of all measures which shall tend to the interests and prosperity of this flourishing little village." And its present purpose could not be better expressed except with such changes as might apply to a wider field and a largely increased business.

Mr. Dodge was a man of ability and energy, and being also a practical printer made a success of the *Gazette* as well as of other newspapers which he afterwards owned. He was a man of some peculiarities. We have heard it said that he would go through the streets with one pants leg down and the other tucked in the top of his boot.

The office was established in the basement of J. S. Patterson's store. After a time it was moved into the basement of Rogers' Exchange under the hall. About 1861 Mr. Dodge bought the lot on Main street, which was later the site of the Nioga block, and the following year erected a small one story building into which the plant was moved. P. D. & C. A. VanVradenburg leased the office in 1864, running the business about one year. Afterwards Mr. Dodge sold the office to Chas. Heath, (now Rev. C. A. S. Heath of Slingerlands, N. Y.) for \$5,000. Many people considered this a high price, and it seems the office came back into Mr. Dodge's hands on the mortgage after a time. On Feb'y 17, 1869, Milo B. Eldredge appears as publisher and June 16th, 1870, the name of Milo B. Eldredge appears as editor and W. A. Teller as publisher. Probably about this period the outfit was sold to Teller & Foote, Mr. Teller soon withdrew selling out to his partner, A. S. Foote, and in 1871 the office was destroyed by fire under suspicious circumstances. Mr. Foote was a few



OUR NEW BABCOCK PRESS.



Charlie.

THE EDITORIAL FAMILY.

Mrs. F. C. Branday and Charlie.

Alice.

years later sent to states prison in the West for a similar offense.

For a few months Whitney's Point existed without a newspaper, when Milo B. Eldredge again entered the field, naming his paper the *Nioga Reporter*, the plant being located in the new Nioga block, which he had just erected. Col. Eldredge was no doubt the best educated and most brilliant writer ever connected with the newspaper business in Whitney's Point, but he did not appear to have thrown much energy into the business. It was his proud boast that he never asked a man to take the paper nor did he ever ask one to pay for it, and under those circumstances we can easily conceive his statement to be true that he sunk \$500 a year while running it. He continued until the fall of 1876 when he sold out to M. D. Branday. The latter having previously engaged to teach school that winter, secured the services of P. D. VanVradenburg to manage the business. Coming here the following spring, Mr. Branday commenced business under the most discouraging conditions. The business had lost money, and he found paper bills, board bills and wages of help due in considerable sums, and all pressing for immediate payment. The credit of the office was poor and merchants told him he might trade up only to the amount due him. The manager when pressed for information as to the sources of income to pay expenses finally replied that when Milo really had to have money he thought he went up town and borrowed it. To cap the climax another office was starting in town and things looked blue. Men of less vim and force would have given up but he had failed once before and this was to be his final effort, so he threw himself into the work with all the energy at

his command, and the REPORTER became a success. Its circulation was only 440. 140 of these were weeded out as deadheads and from 300 the paper gradually rose till it reached high water mark at 1440, and the office from employing two printers to from six to eight regular hands. Later the title of the paper was changed to WHITNEY'S POINT REPORTER.

The *Practical Poultryman* which was started in Binghamton by G. M. T. Johnson, was purchased by M. D. Branday & Son about 1888, and has since grown to such an extent that it forms no inconsiderable part of the business. It is now published semi-monthly and its circulation extends over the U. S. and to some foreign countries. The office also prints a monthly publication known as *Lewisiana*, which was started by Frank P. Lewis, then of Lisle, and is continued by his successor, Carll A. Lewis of Connecticut.

The present editor and publisher, F. C. Branday, was born in Coventry, N. Y., Sept. 19th, 1860. He received a good common school education, his parents saying that they might not be able to leave him money, but they would equip him with that which was far better and that which no misfortune could take away—a good education. He was fitted for a teacher, but did not take a liking to that occupation and only taught some of the higher branches for one term in his father's school. He came into the printing business in partnership with his father about 1878 or '79, which partnership continued until terminated by the death of the senior partner, Jan. 18, 1893, when he succeeded to the business. Since that time there has been a steady growth until the present circulation of the REPORTER is 2,100 and ten people are regularly employed in

connection with the business besides extra help as needed. Some idea may be gained when it is known that the office expenses reach nearly \$100 a week, and it takes a capital of some \$10,000 to carry on the business, though it is equally true it could never be sold for anything like that sum. Mr. Branday is an untiring worker and any success he may have attained is due principally to his energy and perseverance. His aim in editorial work is to make the **REPORTER** one of the leading newspapers of the time, always to be relied upon for truthful and accurate news and original features. He is interested in public affairs, a member of the Board of Education, President of the Chenango, Barker, Penton and Triangle Sunday School Association, Secretary of the Masonic lodge, an active member of the Presbyterian church and connected with other organizations. In June, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie I. Johnson, youngest daughter of Charles and Lucinda (Shuart) Johnson. Their home life is a pleasant one in which no contentions arise. Their oldest son Charlie M., is now twelve years of age and a student in our high school. Alice Lucinda, four years old and the life of the household, completes the family circle.

The **REPORTER** was one of the buildings to go in the fire. Plans were soon after made to rebuild and a new brick block, 24x50 feet, two stories, now occupies the site of the burned building. E. W. VanSlyke drew the plans and Geo. W. Aldrich did the work, and it is not too much to say that this was one of the strongest and best structures erected last summer. It was the first permanent building of the new town. A good view of it with a larger part of the employes in front, may be seen on the first page. It is all used for printing except two offices on the second floor.

The new plant is the most modern and complete of any in the country, and includes a gasoline engine, Babcock cylinder press, wire stitcher, two job presses, and an ample supply of type, cabinets, cases, stands, etc.

The present employes are: Frank E. Keeler, traveling representative; John F. Walter, book-keeper and writer, whose pen has produced many of the articles for this "special;" Wm. T. Carey, job printer; S. J. Boardman, pressman; Misses Ida Howland, Maggie Wade, Nellie Brown, Nellie Abern and Ina Burdick, compositors.

ROBERT S. PARSONS.

One of the successful young men who have gone out from Whitney's Point to win a place in the world is Robert S. Parsons, now a rising young lawyer of Binghamton. He was the son of Joseph S. and Mary Antoinette (Hubbard) Parsons, and was born May 8th, 1867, on the farm near this village.

Robert's early education was received at the district school, and later at Whitney's Point academy, from which institution he graduated in 1886. In 1887 he entered Cornell University



ROBERT S. PARSONS, ESQ.



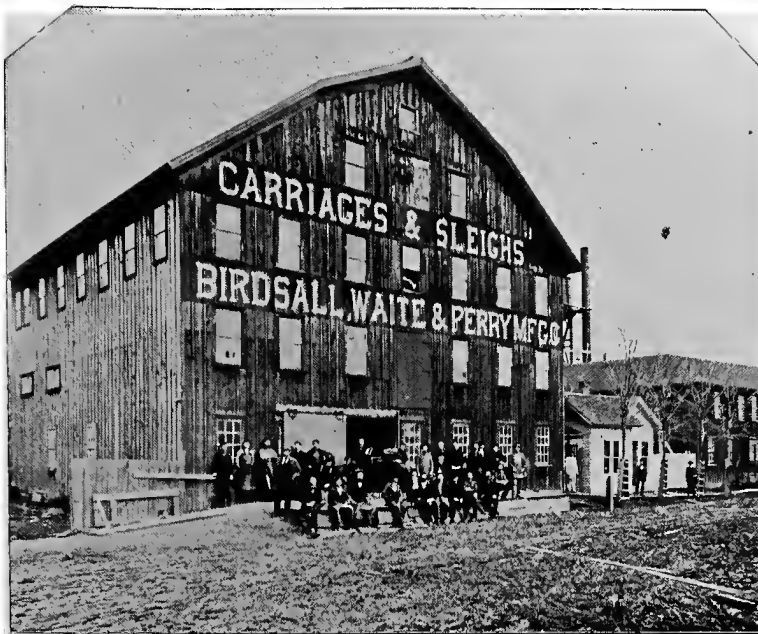
RESIDENCE OF FRANK CANFIELD.

graduating from the School of Law two years later. Then over a year was spent in the office of Hon. Stephen C. Millard as a student and serving a clerkship, and on May 1st, 1890, he was admitted to the bar. In February, 1890, he commenced practice on his own account with office in the Perry block, Binghamton, where he has since remained. Several months after locating there he formed a partnership with Harry C. Perkins, the present able and energetic District Attorney, which partnership has continued until the present time.

Mr. Parsons' success as a lawyer has been marked. In 1892 the firm handled the Mary E. Foote case, she being indicted for murder and having made several confessions implicating herself. They were appointed by the court to defend her, and spent much time on the case working it up very carefully and thoroughly and as a consequence she was acquitted. This was a famous case, and helped to give the firm a great start in business.

In the Thurston case of recent years Mr. Parsons was appointed by the court to assist the District Atty in the prosecution of Mrs. Thurston. The Wm. Beach cases in this place and many others he has handled successfully, and has not lost a case on appeal in any of the higher courts since he commenced practicing. The latter is due in no small degree to the care in preparation of cases and the making sure of the correctness of all law positions taken. He is known as a careful legal adviser and aims to always be sure he is right and then go ahead. He will undoubtedly make one of the prominent lawyers of the day, towards which position he is rapidly advancing.

The McCallum marble works was established here about 25 years ago, also a broom factory a few years since. Both are still in operation.



PARTIAL VIEW BIRDSALL, WAITE & PERRY MANUFACTORY.

OUR CHIEF INDUSTRY.

THE history of the origin and growth of the cutter and wagon business of the Birdsall, Waite & Perry Manufacturing Co., is one of unusual interest, and to this company is due much credit for the growth of the village and the prosperity of its working people and merchants.

No other industry has ever distributed so much money among our residents as this, the most of which is brought in by sales at a distance, and spent in our own village for the necessities and luxuries of life.

In 1876 L. I. Waite and O. L. Corbin began in a small way the manufacture of cutter woods and soon after they were joined in the business by J. S. Patterson and for two years the firm remained Patterson, Waite & Corbin. Following this Mr. Waite withdrew and Dennis Smith and H. A. Muckle became associated with Mr. Patterson. Another change made the firm Muckle, Waite & Co., and then for several years it was Birdsall & Muckle.

A short time previous to the burning of the sash and blind factory in 1882, Mr. Waite erected a large building opposite the depot on Park street (now a dwelling house) in which he intended to build cutters, but the destruction of machinery in the above mentioned fire resulted in his going to Millville, and in company with M. Frank Perry established a plant there which they operated successfully for about six years.

January 1st, 1888, Mr. H. A. Muckle withdrew from the firm of Birdsall & Muckle and a general consolidation of the two firms took place under the name of Birdsall, Waite & Perry and a short time afterward the firm was incorporated under its present name.

At the time of consolidation the Millville factory was abandoned and all machinery and stock were removed

to the factory near the depot where the business is now conducted.

From the time of incorporation until his death Mr. S. E. Birdsall was president of the company and was succeeded by his son, W. S. Birdsall, who held that office until the re-organization in 1897.

The present officers are: Luther I. Waite, President and Superintendent; J. P. Wells, Vice-President and Secretary; J. P. Corbin, Treasurer; Directors, Frank Davis, J. P. Wells, L. I. Waite.

This company have built as many as 12,000 cutter woods in one year and before the consolidation some 20,000 a year were built in the two shops.

The complete plant now consists of eight buildings and their facilities have been increased so that in addition to the plain cutter woods built in 1876 they now place upon the market the finest quality of both cutters and carriages, ironed, painted and upholstered in the finest manner.

A large part of their finished work

goes direct to the New York City trade, which alone is a sufficient guarantee of the quality of their work.

Their show rooms and shipping and upholstery departments are in the large four story building shown herewith.

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

For several years previous to the fire of 1837 there were four blacksmith shops in this village, and though some of them were vacant at times there were usually at least three in operation. When the fire had finished its work the only one remaining was the old Chittenden shop on Liberty street, then operated by A. C. Babcock, who had been located there some three years. Mr. Babcock remained there during last summer and then erected a new shop on Railroad street opposite the hay press where he is now located, while Chas. Love resumed work at his trade in the old shop which is moved to the rear of the lot and entirely remodeled by the present owner, Mr. D. S. Monroe.

Mr. Love has worked at this trade for over thirty years, a large part of the time in this place, and is still at his shop as regularly as failing health will permit.

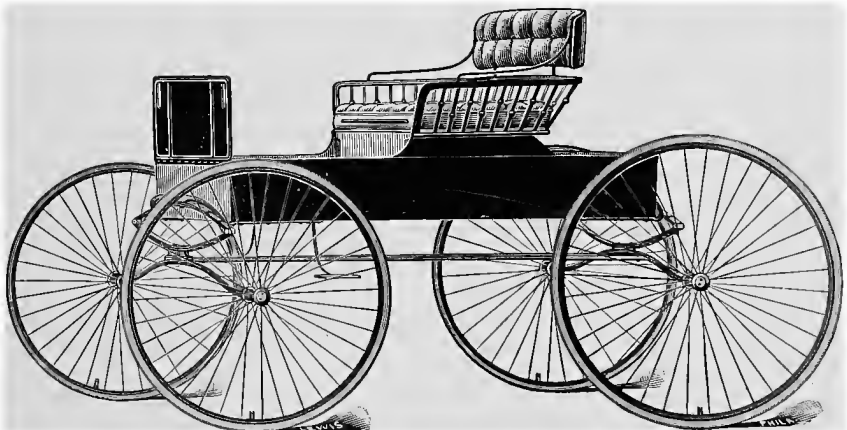
The three shops near the river bridge were occupied by George Love, John Driscoll and Austin Brown, but after the fire Mr. Driscoll was the only one to resume business, which he did immediately in the building next to the river bridge which escaped fire. He has since purchased the property and has recently made some changes and improvements on it. Mr. Driscoll has lived in this vicinity all his life and has worked at his trade here for the past eight years, during the last three of which he has conducted his own shop.

JAMES P. NORTHRUP,

One of Whitney's Point's progressive young business men, was born in Chenango Forks, Feb. 19, 1862, his family soon after removing to this place. His parents were Lewis P. and Annette Northrup. His grandfather, Mulford Northrup, came here from Poughkeepsie with only \$800, built the tannery at Millville and in course of time became one of the wealthy men of his period, the tannery property being valued at \$95,000 at his death.

Jas. P. was in South America for three years going there in 1885, and receiving a large salary at mining as a mechanical engineer. It was during this period that he received his start in life. In 1888 he came home on a visit, expecting to return, but while here he purchased the Millville property on mortgage foreclosure, and has since remained. For two years he operated both the grist mill and saw mill, but the latter has late years been leased to Alonzo Pease, an old lumberman and prominent resident of this section. For some years Mr. Northrup ran a branch feed store in this village in company with his brother-in-law, Wm. Stanton, and the business ran up to \$30,000 a year during that time.

In 1889 Mr. Northrup was married to Miss Mollie Stanton of Dunmore, Pa., who died Feb. 3d, 1896. He has two bright little boys, and they occupy the Perry residence, with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Stanton, and sister-in-law, Miss Grace.



PNEUMATIC TIRE WAGON, BUILT AT B. W. & P. SHOPS.

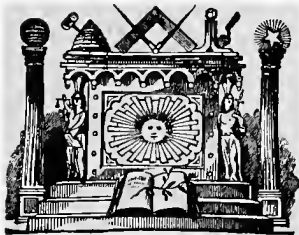
FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS.

WHITNEY'S POINT LODGE 795, F. & A. M.

R. W. WHALEY.

FOR years previous to the organization of this lodge, several attempts were made to start a lodge in this place, but without success. It was not until the year 1887 that steps were taken which resulted in accomplishing what had heretofore been failures.

Sometime during the year mentioned, a petition signed by A. R. Whitney, E. B. Black, R. W. Whaley, M. R. Christian, L. I. Waite, Hiram King, Fayette Seeber, D. W. Burdick, W. H. Rogers, D. H. Rogers, H. A. Muckle, J. D. Saxton, L. S. Pease, G. R. Seymour, J. I. Greene, C. S. Olmstead, D. A. Elliott, Jesse Randall, Peter Guier, of Eastern Light Lodge 597, and G. E. Campbell, G. H. Daniels, Joel Eldredge, Charles Rogers, W. H. Hurlbut, C. O. Parsons, of Upper Lisle Lodge 388, praying for a new lodge at this place was presented to the Grand Lodge asking for a dispensation.



S. E. Birdsall, deceased, who was at that time largely interested in the manufacturing business and the building up of the town, a prominent and enthusiastic Mason, and one who always had the good of the order at heart, was the prime mover in the enterprise. Some difficulty was experienced in securing the constitutional number of names to the petition, but this did not discourage the promoters. Armed with this document and a certificate of consent of the adjoining lodges, Mr. Birdsall, accompanied by the late lamented Horace E. Allen, then D. D. G. M. of this district, went to New York and presented the petition and facts to M. W. G. M. Frank R. Lawrence for his consideration. Birdsall and Allen were earnest workers and their plea made a favorable impression. The Grand Master assured them that their request would be favorably considered. They were highly elated over their success and returned home. Soon after this meeting a dispensation was granted and the first regular communication of this lodge under dispensation was held Tuesday evening, February 21, 1888. The lodge met in the Birdsall block where it continued to hold meetings until burned out.

Its first officers were: A. R. Whitney, W. M.; E. B. Black, Sr. W.; R. W. Whaley, Jr. W.; S. E. Birdsall,

Treasurer; H. M. Root, Secretary; S. P. Allen, Sr. D.; J. D. Saxton, Jr. D.; M. R. Christian, Sr. M. C.; L. I. Waite, Jr. M. C.; Hiram King, Marshal; Peter Guier, Organist; Fayette Seeber, Tyler.

The names of S. E. Birdsall, S. P. Allen and H. M. Root did not appear in the list of petitioners as many would suppose by the interest they took in the work, on account of holding an elective office in the lodge they belonged to at the time which disqualified them for petitioners.

The lodge began with the petitioners as charter members and worked under a dispensation until the 15th of May, when the dispensation was recalled by the Grand Lodge prior to its annual session in June when a charter was granted for a lodge in this place to be known as Whitney's Point Lodge 795 F. & A. M. The 19th of the same month the dedication and consecration of the lodge was consummated by a delegation of Grand Lodge officers presided over by Right Worthy Horace E. Allen and a large and enthusiastic gathering of over three hundred Masons. A public installation was held at the M. E. church in the evening, followed by a banquet at the opera house of which all partook.

During the memorable fire in 1897 which destroyed the entire business portion of our beautiful village, the lodge was among the unfortunates and lost all they had except a few records which were saved through the heroic efforts of one of its members. The charter was also ruined, but a duplicate was granted at the annual session of the Grand Lodge in June. The meeting place then for a time was in rooms of G. H. Daniels until the new hall in the Wilcox block was completed, which is the finest and best arranged lodge room in this section. The dedication of this hall took place Tuesday, February 22d, 1898, without any reference to dates, and as ten years had intervened between the first meeting of this lodge under dispensation and the dedication of the new hall, it was regarded as a striking incident in its first decade and proved to be an important and remarkable event in its history. The ceremonies attending the dedication were conducted by Rt. W. Henry L. Fowler and an able corps of assistants representing the Grand Lodge, and witnessed by a large delegation of Masons from sister lodges. The present officers are: R. W. Whaley, W. M.; S. S. Parsons, Sr. W.; A. F. Landers, Jr. W.; A. Cornell, Treas.; F. C. Branday, Sec'y; J. L. Bump, Sr. D.; F. E. Wooster, Jr. D.; S. A. May, Sr. M. C.; J. L. MacMasters, Jr. M. C.; O. C. Hall, Chaplain; Geo. R. Seymour, Marshal; A. H. Pellette, Organist; Geo. E. Campbell, Tyler; Geo. H. Daniels, A. H. Youmans, P. H. Landers, Trustees.

Past Masters, A. R. Whitney, R. W. Whaley, S. P. Allen, J. L. Bump.

The stated communications are on the 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The lodge register now numbers one

hundred and six and notwithstanding adversities, and the irreparable loss it has sustained by the death of some of its prominent members, the outlook for the future is better than ever before for the ministry of light and blessing within its own line and for helpful service to the world at large.

AMIGO LODGE 439, I. O. O. F.

J. C. ARNOLD.



Amigo Lodge was organized Aug. 20th, 1875, through the efforts of D. L. Maxfield and Chas. S. Olmstead, with the following as some of the charter members: Israel Stevens, Chas. S. Olmstead, Judson J. Andrews, Chas. Johnson, Nathan Livermore, Milo B. Eldredge, John Gardner, Eli B. Black, Horace Parsons, Andrew Sutherland, Hamilton Ellerson. The first lodge meeting was held in the old Nioga block which was burned in the fall of 1896. The order steadily increased in membership until this place was inadequate for their numbers. In the fall of 1879 they removed to the Griffin block where they remained until Nov. 1881, when they leased and fitted up rooms in the Hopkins block for a term of seven years, during which time there had been one hundred and twenty-six initiations, out of which number there was in 1888, eighty-six members in good standing. The order at this time had nearly \$1,000 in its treasury and no debt. During the following six years and on account of the migration of its members to Binghamton and other places the order sold their interest to the Catholic Knights of Temperance which order became defunct. They then leased rooms of the Red Men in the Birdsall block, where they were at the time of the fire.

In the fire of April 23d, 1897, the lodge lost all of their effects with only a small insurance of \$250.

In July, 1897, the lodge re-organized and have at the present time forty-one members in good standing. They have procured new paraphernalia and are increasing in membership. The lodge has been honored by having two of its first organizers and present members, Nathan Livermore and D. L. Maxfield, elected for two terms each as Dist. Deputy Grand Master.

This lodge pays a weekly sick benefit of two dollars, and twenty-five dollars funeral benefits to its members, and fifteen dollars at the death of a wife of a member. The order now meets in the Biddlecom block on Monday evening of each week.

The officers for the present term are: N. G., Jason Baker; V. G., Dewitt Beardslee; Sec'y, S. H. Terwilliger; Fin. Sec'y, John Osborn; Treas., Floyd Ticknor; Con., John C. Arnold; Warden, Floyd Ticknor; Inside Guard, B. D. Biddlecom; R. S. N. G., Alonzo Pease; L. S. N. G., Robert Wilson; R. S. V. G., Chas. Brown; L. S. V. G., Florence Ticknor; Chap., D. L. Maxfield; S. S., M. O. Eggleston; Outside Guard, Rockwell Townsend.

ELDRIDGE POST, NO. 199, G. A. R.



The country owes much to the brave defenders of the union who fought to preserve our country intact. True and loyal patriots were they, and let them be honored during the few short years they remain with us.

Several veterans of the late war met in Whitney's Point on March 9th, 1881, and organized Eldredge Post, that name being chosen in honor of Col. Milo B. Eldredge. The following was the first list of officers chosen: Commander, E. B. Black; Senior Vice, F. Burghardt; Junior Vice, M. D. Branday; Adjutant, M. A. Hotchkiss; Quartermaster, J. P. Griffin; Chaplain, A. L. Peck; O. D., P. M. Brown; O. G., D. Brown; Surgeon, D. W. Burdick. Charter members, U. A. Jeffords, W. W. Collins, M. Driscoll, D. D. Butts, C. P. Ashley, Jerry Rogers, W. E. Knickerbocker, H. Holland, W. H. Stalker, Frank Johnson, R. Brown, Julius Carter, D. B. Kelley, Chas. Nicholson, D. B. VanValen, James Brown, L. P. Northrup.

Decoration day has with few exceptions been observed by the post, usually at Whitney's Point but sometimes elsewhere.

Eldredge Post is the only organization of the veterans in northern Broome and its territory extends from Castle Creek on the south to Killawog on the north and Triangle on the east to Nanticoke on the west. In 1882 its membership reached 105, but at the present time is only 36. Twenty-seven of the former members have passed into rest.

A few years since a relief corps was organized which flourished for a time, but has since disbanded, though the ladies still intend to assist the post whenever needed.

The 1898 officers are as follows: Commander, E. B. Black; Senior Vice, Eugene Fisher; Junior Vice, W. E. Greenman; Adjutant, W. W. Collins; Quartermaster, N. P. Rockwood; Surgeon, J. Purnell; Chaplain, W. H. Waterman; O. D., O. T. Oliver; O. G., H. Monroe.

POCAHONTAS TRIBE NO. 81, I. O. R. M.



PETER F. SPARLING.

We take great pleasure in bringing before the public, through your new edition, this noble organization, the Improved Order of Red Men.

Pocahontas Tribe No. 81, was instituted twelve years ago in Whitney's Point, since that time we have paid out to sick brothers, widows and orphans over \$4,642. As we look back over the years of labor as a national organiza-

tion, laboring in the cause of patriotism and humanity, we can retrospect the past with grateful hearts that our efforts have been fruitful of such beneficial results.

The Improved Order of Red Men is nearer to the hearts of the people to-day than it has ever been before. We have had a number of adoptions lately and the order is prospering finely under the following officers: Sachem, Michael Shanley; Senior Sagamore, D. F. Wentworth; Junior Sagamore, Wilbur Howard; Prophet, A. H. Pellette; Chief of Records, Peter Sparling, Collector of Wampum, E. Dunham; Keeper of Wampum, John Elliott; First Sanap, Fred Pease; Second Sanap, Ray Lewis; Guard of Wigwam, John Bosworth; Guard of Forest, D. Showers; First Warrior, D. S. Monroe; Second Warrior, B. J. English; Third Warrior, Lee Stone; Fourth Warrior, R. R. Lewis; First Brave, J. W. Paige; Second Brave, Fred Stone; Third Brave, George Sparling; Fourth Brave, Arthur O. Wilson.

We as Red Men strive to impress upon all a firm and determined resolution to always labor in the cause of freedom, friendship and charity, and I am glad that I can say that these virtues are exemplified in the Improved Order of Red Men.

BRINKMAN TENT NO. 217,

L. I. GREENE.



Of the Order of the Maccabees was organized May 15, 1893, by D. G. C., W. H. Barnett of Buffalo, with twelve charter members.

The order is a fraternal beneficiary one and has become quite popular here owing to its low assessments and good financial standing.

The membership of the local tent has been as high as 60, but the present enrollment is about half that number, the decrease caused mainly by removals.

Their regular meetings are held on the 2d and 4th Thursdays of each month in Biddlecom hall and with social features tend to maintain the interest of the members in the order.

The officers are: P. Com., John Bosworth; Com., Peter F. Sparling; Lieut. Com., Geo. L. Johnson; Record and Finance Keeper, L. I. Greene; Chaplain, Wilbur Howard; Sergeant, John J. Ballard; Master-at-arms, Eugene Fisher; 1st Master of Guards, C. Dawson; 2d Master of Guards, W. H. Schoolaft; Sentinel, Richard R. Lewis; Picket, Henry Card.

WHITNEY'S POINT GRANGE.

Whitney's Point Grange, No. 565, P. of H., was re-organized March 18, 1898, with the following officers: Master, C. M. Cook; Overseer, Fred Pease; Lecturer, Dr. Seymour; Assistant Steward, A. D. Smith; Chaplain, A. E. Bingham; Treasurer, J. P. Corbin;

Secretary, B. D. Biddlecom; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Biddlecom; Pomona, Mrs. A. D. Smith.

There are now about twenty members and meetings are held at Biddlecom hall every Friday night.

NIOGA COUNCIL NO. 49, R. T. OF T.

Was instituted June 15, 1878. It is a branch of the total abstinence beneficiary society of that name and has about twenty-five members at the present time. As an assessment insurance company this order ranks among the best, and the social features tend to increase the interest of the members. Mrs. Kate J. Howard is secretary.

OUR MILLINERS.

MRS. K. A. BIDDLECOM

has been in Whitney's Point since 1874, and may well be counted one of our most successful business women, having by her energy and perseverance acquired a good property previous to the fire. On coming here she first located in the Taft building for seven years, then was in the Griffin block seven years, and in 1888 purchased the Whitney place which she remodeled and later made additions to. (See illustration on page 5). In her new store in the Biddlecom block, she carries a full line of millinery, and is assisted by Miss Lillian Varnell of Binghamton.

MRS. ELLA BOYDEN

returned to Whitney's Point in 1895, and has since been conducting a successful millinery business here. At first she was located in the Griffin block, but at the time of the fire occupied the rooms over the drug store where she had just moved. Last summer she purchased a pleasant home on Liberty street, where she has her millinery parlor, and though out of the business center her many customers readily find her place.

MISS A. WOOD

is located in a corner of Dr. Pellette's residence, on Main street, where she has a good location and is enjoying an excellent trade. She is an expert city trimmer and has a good stock.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS.

Manufacturers and investors will find the new Whitney's Point an excellent place in which to locate. A good sash and blind factory with a valuable equipment of modern machinery has been idle for some time and could be bought cheaply. There is a large and profitable local trade that would employ eight or ten men, besides a large outside trade that could be secured. Any sash and blind man would do well to look into this. Then we need a fine new modern hotel and it would pay good money on the investment. Two or three desirable lots for this purpose are on the market. Then a good laundry would pay well here, and many other kinds of business could be opened up in the new Whitney's Point to good advantage. Our business men are wide awake to the interests of the town and will aid as far as possible any worthy enterprise.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. S. N. STONE.

OUR COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

A REVIEW of the local industries brings to mind one which, though not strictly local, is of sufficient importance to merit more than a passing notice.

Probably no town of its size in the state is the home of more commercial travelers than this, and it is to the credit of the place that several whose business calls them from home for a large part of the time, still retain their residence here.

Amos M. Johnson joined the drumming fraternity in 1890, and for a year and one-half represented the crockery house of A. S. Miner of Binghamton, N. Y., leaving there to engage with D. F. Wallace of Cortland, N. Y., at that time one of the largest jobbers in wall paper in the world. He continued with this house until the business of Mr. Wallace was absorbed by the organization of the National Wall Paper Co. of New York City, about four years ago. Since then he has been employed by the latter company and is one of their most successful and valued salesmen. His present territory comprises central New York and northern Pennsylvania.

Mr. J. L. MacMasters moved to this place from Troy, N. Y., four years ago. He is a manufacturer of and dealer in dental supplies and for the past twelve years has handled his own goods on the road, dealing with dentists in Vermont, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. For two years after coming here he owned a half interest in the Excelsior Tooth Co., then of this place.

Frank M. Perry has been employed by the Climax Road Machine Co. of Marathon, N. Y., for the past ten years and during this time has been

on the road a large part of each year. For the first five years he acted as expert operator and was very successful in introducing their machines and handling them in competitive trials. For the past five years he has given entire attention to the stone crusher which this firm manufacture. Mr. Perry has traveled in 17 different states in the east and south while connected with this company.

B. F. Walter has been a commercial traveler for the past nine years, handling various lines of farm implements in their season. For the past three years he has been employed by the New York Champion Rake Co. of Canastota, N. Y., as general agent in the territory comprising the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode

Island, Wisconsin and southern Minnesota.

Wilbur R. Hyde has been a commercial traveler for the past seven years and during this entire time has handled the "Zenith" varnishes, enamel, etc., manufactured by Moller & Schumann, Brooklyn, N. Y. His territory comprises New York state, northern Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern Virginia. Mr. Hyde and family moved here from Brooklyn about one year ago and have become loyal citizens of Whitney's Point.

William H. Johnson, junior member of the firm of J. J. Johnson & Son and a life long resident of this place, now represents Geo. A. Kent & Co., cigar manufacturers of Binghamton, N. Y. His territory comprises about twenty of the southern and southeastern states, and is more extensive than any other of which we make mention. He deals only with jobbers in the larger cities.

Charles P. Seymour has been employed by the National Wall Paper Co. of New York City for three years past and for two seasons has represented them on the road. Mr. Seymour has been engaged in mercantile pursuits all his life with the exception of two years spent in California, and the very excellent position which he now holds is the result of energetic hustling. He still retains his legal residence here and is one of our most loyal citizens, though the nature of his business prevents his actual residence in town.

Mr. C. W. Brown has been on the road for twenty-five years and in the course of that time has traveled in thirty-seven states and several foreign countries. At present he represents R. F. Balke & Co. of Louisville, Ky., in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York.

For the past seven years Chester Johnson has represented the firm of Walker & Gibson, wholesale druggists of Albany, N. Y., and he is known as one of the most successful men on the road in that line of business. His territory is a part of New York state.



RESIDENCE OF HENRY A. AND DR. RALPH SEYMOUR.

ELMORE G. PAGE,

The eldest son of Cyrus Page, was born and brought up in this town, and he and his brother Maurice are among the best educated young men who have ever gone out from this section.

Mr. Page graduated from Whitney's Point academy in 1880, when I. T. Deyo was principal, and during the next two years taught school at Castle Creek and Centre Lisle. In 1882 he entered Amherst College, graduating in the class of 1886. Subsequently he resumed teaching as principal of the Lawrenceville academy and later Cincinnati academy.

Deciding to enter the legal profession, he took a course in the Albany Law School, graduating therefrom in 1889, after which he entered the office of Carver, Deyo & Jenkins as a student in September, 1890, and was admitted to the bar at an examination held at Utica in September, 1891.

Mr. Page is a gentleman of quiet and dignified bearing, and one whose word may always be fully relied upon. He has been quite successful in his practice, and already has a good clientele. Some two years ago he was appointed temporary receiver of the Birdsall, Waite & Perry factory in Whitney's Point and managed the business in such an excellent manner that in less than a year he brought the company out from under their embarrassment and turned over the business to the re-organized company in good shape and with a few thousand dollars on hand.

Mr. Page is permanently located in Binghamton, but has an office in the REPORTER building in Whitney's Point and visits this place every Saturday for the convenience of his clients.

Our acknowledgements are due Dr. Taylor, L. D. Rouse, Mrs. C. Hyde, Mrs. S. N. Stone and many others for photographs, etc.

OUR OLDEST PHYSICIAN.

Dr. O. C. Hall is our oldest physician, but now on the retired list, preferring not to be bothered with any practice. He takes much interest in the present stirring war news—says he remembers three wars and would shoulder his gun and go now if President McKinley should say he was needed. The doctor is now in his 69th year, though not in good health, he and his wife enjoy life in their fine new home erected since the fire on the site of their former house. Their son, Dr. Geo. N. Hall, is a prosperous and successful physician of Binghamton.

At the age of nineteen Dr. Hall began studying medicine with Dr. Brooks of Binghamton, after which he practiced for some time. Then he took a course in Syracuse University graduating there, after which he practiced at Upper Lisle and Sanitaria Springs, and then was three years on his farm, resuming practice at Willet in 1861. In April, 1865, he was drafted, but was told to go home and await orders. They never came and he has kept on waiting. He removed to this place in April, 1876, practicing here up to four or five years ago. He is now drawing towards the close of a long and well spent life. His labors have not been without their reward. Those who know him best know him for a kind hearted christian gentleman—one who has been active in many good works—and when his summons comes it will find him ready.

A Gentleman Coming Here from the West Indies not so very long ago asks if we had noticed that Whitney's Point lies in a highly favored region and might well be considered as a health resort. He came north intending to recuperate for a few weeks, but after remaining here a short time felt entirely recovered and went to work. He called our attention to a lack of sickness as compared with other places, to the beautiful scenery, and to the fact that we do not suffer from the intense cold and deep snows such as they have a few miles north of us, nor the intense heat and drouths a few miles south. Come to think of it much of it is true.

**L. N. ROBINSON.****LACY N. ROBINSON,**

Was born in Kattelville, Broome county, N. Y., January 25, 1865. His father is Nathaniel Robinson, son of Israel Robinson and grandson of Rev. Daniel Robinson, a Baptist minister, of Delaware county, N. Y., both of whom served in the war of 1812 with Great Britain, the elder Robinson officiating as chaplain. His mother is Lavania Keeler Robinson, daughter of Revilo Keeler who was the second white child born in what is now the city of Binghamton, N. Y.

Mr. Robinson was educated in the common schools of the county and at the Whitney's Point academy. On the 17th day of February, 1887, he was married to Ida Mix of Chenango Forks, and they have an infant son, Fred M. Robinson, now in his second year. He first engaged in business at Chenango Forks, N. Y., about 1890, buying farm produce, and later sold creamery supplies for about two years. In August, 1895, he removed to this village and engaged in the insurance business which had formerly been conducted by Fred J. Robinson.

a deceased brother, and has remained here ever since. He represents seven fire insurance companies and writes a large amount of risks each year.

HOMER SMITH,

Moved from Port Dickinson to this place in November, 1891, and purchased the property on Main street next to the S. B. & N. Y. R. R. and extending northward between the railroad and the Tioughnioga river, comprising in all about fifteen acres. He has made extensive repairs to the buildings and keeps some valuable stock, having now five choice Holsteins cows and two high bred horses. In December, 1897, he opened a feed store and has since erected a large new building to be used for this purpose, which gives him exceptional advantages for handling and storing feed.

HAY PRESS.

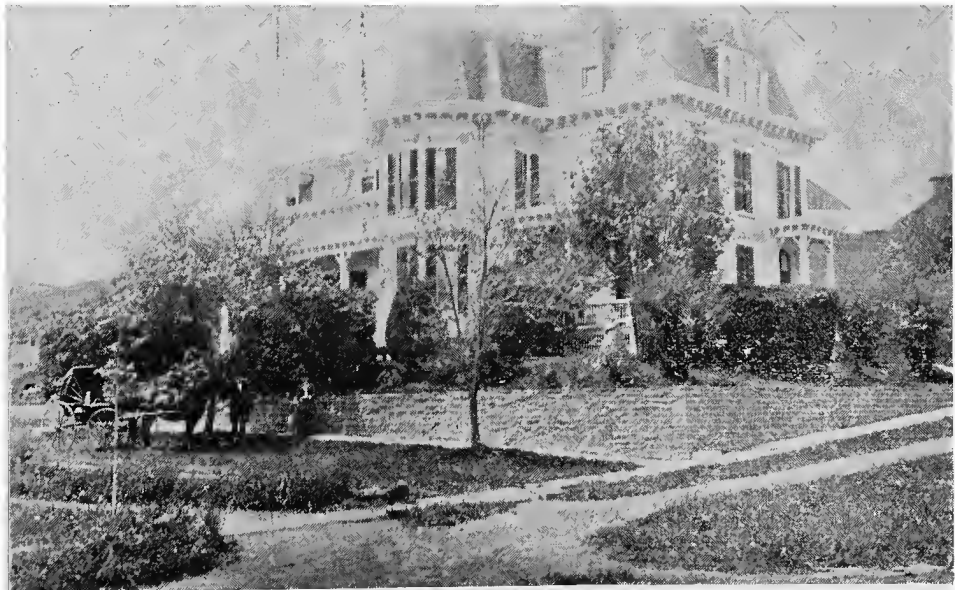
The hay press situated south of the S. B. & N. Y. depot was erected in 1880, and with the additions which have been made since that time, it has become quite an extensive plant. From the time of erection until 1889 the plant was owned and operated by R. S. Darrow of Binghamton. It was then leased to Mr. D. M. Worden of the same city, who has since purchased the entire property. In 1890 Mr. H. B. Worden of Nicholson, Pa., a brother of the above, moved here and has had charge of the buying, weighing etc., since that time. The machinery is operated by steam power and has a capacity of about ten tons per day of hay cut and baled. The storage capacity of the building is about 80 tons of loose hay and 100 tons baled. In an average year they handle between 15 and 18 hundred tons at a price, which, during the present management, has averaged about \$8.00 per ton to the farmer, besides a cost of \$2.00 per ton for pressing and loading.

THE ROGERS HOUSE

Was erected some twenty-nine years ago by Moses Rogers, and for several years before that time a hotel was conducted in a smaller building on the same site. Numerous alterations and additions have been made in recent years which have added greatly to the appearance of the building and the comfort of the guests.

The present owner of the building is Mr. Levi Craver of Binghamton, who resided here for several years.

The landlord, Mr. Harvey Trass, is an experienced hotel man and, though he has been in possession for only a month, is not a stranger here, as he conducted the same house for four years following 1886. Mr. George Sullivan is the popular and efficient clerk.

**RESIDENCE OF MRS. A. McDOWELL.**



RESIDENCE OF ELI B. BLACK.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHITNEY'S POINT Fire Department was organized Aug. 20, 1873, and during that year a committee consisting of Ransom Howland, Duane Burgess, G. H. Daniels and E. B. Black went to Owego and purchased from the authorities at that place the hand engine which has done efficient service in many fires for the past twenty-five years. The department at that time consisted of an engine company of about forty members and a hose company of twelve members, Milo B. Eldredge being foreman of the former and S. E. Birdsall of the latter, but the two were known as the Nioga Hose Co. No. 1, and elected a chief of the department by joint ballot. The steamer was purchased in 1883, but not until April 8, 1889, was the department re-organized with special reference to its use. On that date the Board of Trustees of the village authorized Nioga Hose Co. No. 1 to "re-organize and form a Steamer and Hose Co. combined limited to sixty members, for the purpose of taking charge of the steamer and one hose cart and to be known as Nioga Hose and Steamer Co. No. 1." This company has maintained its organization to the present time and the following are its officers: President, Henry Hay; Sec'y, Fred H. Burdick; Treas., L. I. Waite; Foreman, Wm. H. Schoolcraft; Asst. Foreman, R. Townsend. The late S. E. Birdsall was a leading member of this company and was for many years its foreman.

On Aug. 19, 1887, another company was organized known as Resolute Hose Co. No. 2, with a membership "not to exceed 20." J. P. Wells was elected President and was continued in office until 1897. At a meeting held Jan. 2, 1894, it was voted that this company petition the village officers to be

allowed to change the name to the S. E. Birdsall Hose Co., but it was nearly two years later when the change was officially declared. The officers of this company are as follows: President, A. W. Page; Sec'y, L. I. Greene; Treas., W. A. Ford; Foreman, Dr. A. H. Pellette; Asst. Foreman, Will Root.

The apparatus was located first in the old Graves Collins barn on the east side of Collins street, then for a short time in the S. E. Birdsall barn near the lower bridge (which later became the Taft furniture store), and then for several years in the small building next east of the Beach House where the department had quite comfortable quarters.

In 1882 the present engine house on

119th street was purchased from S. N. Stone who had used it as a store house, and previous to the great fire it was a three story structure, the lower floor (basement) containing rooms for the hand engine, justice court, etc., the next floor on the street level holds the steamer and hose carts, while the upper floor (now burned off) served as a fireman's hall.

Authority has been given to the village officers to purchase a lot for the erection of a new building and no doubt this will be accomplished during the present summer.

The following are among those who have served as Chief of the department since the organization: E. B. Black, A. Cornell, C. W. Woughter, C. O. Parsons, J. P. Wheeler, Michael Shanley, and the present incumbent, Mr. George Campbell.

ELI B. BLACK,

General Insurance agent, was born at Castle Creek May 8th, 1833. His father died while he was young and with his mother and family he removed to Chicago in 1852, where his mother died in the fall. In 1853 he started for California, having caught the gold fever. Of his trip across the plains and encounters with the red skins he can tell some exciting stories, and show numerous scars in proof. He was in Sacramento, up on the Frazer river and at other points, in all about seven years, returning to Whitney's Point in 1860 where he worked at carpentering. In Aug., '62, he enlisted in Co. E., 137th Regt.—Milo Eldredge's Regt.—and was three years in the service, going through several battles without a scratch. His companions said this was due to the fact that there was no more room on him for scars. He was promoted several times, being discharged while sergeant June 25th, and returning to Whitney's Point. That fall he went to Illinois railroading, returning again to this place in '69, where he has since remained. At first he was engaged in building, working as high as 35 men at one time, but late years has given his attention to other matters. He has been Postmaster eight years, was Supervisor in 1886, and has been in the insurance business since 1885. Mr. Black is an influential Republican, and a man who has hosts of friends.

Our Principal Regret is that though this edition is one-half larger than at first planned, we have still been much hampered for space, having to curtail many biographies we had desired to give more fully, and to leave out others.



OUR COLORED POPULATION—Rob Purnell and Jenny on their way to deliver milk at the Whitney's Point station. Jacob Purnell (Rob's father) now aged about 63, was born in Virginia and sold into Southern Louisiana as a slave to Dr. Walker. Mary Purnell (Rob's mother) now deceased, was also a slave when young, being a field hand for Jefferson Davis.



A PORTION OF BROOME COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS TAKEN DURING 1897 FAIR.

THE BROOME COUNTY FAIR.

THE Articles of Incorporation of the Broome County Agricultural Society were filed in the office of the Secretary of State January 29, 1858. The first fair was held on the Johnson grounds near Lisle Sept. 28-30, of that year. Several special features were announced to draw the necessary crowd. Hon. O. C. Crocker of Binghamton, brought up a deer and some hounds were allowed to chase it around the track, and Hon. John R. Dickinson of Binghamton, delivered an address.

A party of citizens from Page Brook attended the fair with a two wheel cart loaded with implements and vegetables and drawn by twelve pairs of oxen. The deer chase and horse racing were mentioned in the *Broome Gazette* of Sept. 30, 1858.

After three or four years the fair was moved to Binghamton and in 1871 returned to this place where an exhibition has since been held annually.

Grounds were fitted up on the Collins farm just north of the village and a complete set of buildings and a half mile race track have been constructed, either of which is seldom equaled by a county society. While in reality the incorporated society has held 40 annual exhibitions, the commonly accepted count is 27, the number which have been held on the present grounds. This change of count we believe was effected soon after the removal to this place and when Milo Eldredge was editor of the *REPORTER*, he arguing that his paper should not count a lot of fairs held in other places, hence the discrepancy of thirteen years in the accepted count.

The society was re-organized and re-incorporated Dec. 28, 1891, with a capital stock of \$5,000, divided into

500 ten dollar shares. The fair ranks as one of the best in the state in attendance, premiums offered and the convenience and beauty of its grounds, and the first week in each September brings visitors from miles around to enjoy a few days outing and visit and the many other attractions to be found at the "Big Broome County Fair."

The present officers are: President, Harry J. Wattles; Vice-President, Chas. N. Dunham; Sec'y, Fred. E. Allen; Treas., Philo H. Landers; Directors, Irving Johnson and Chas. H. Bouton, Marathon; A. R. Whitney, Triangle; Parley M. Brown, Whitney's Point; Jasper Smith, Upper Lisle; C. P. McVean, Willet; J. E. LeBarron, Union; E. A. Spencer, Nanticoke; A. U. Curtis, Maine.

OUR MILKMEN.

J. P. CORBIN

is ranked as one of the most progressive farmers of this section. He is well posted on modern methods of farming and a first-class writer on agricultural topics, besides taking much interest in public affairs. He has had much to do with the development of the beet sugar industry which is just being started in this section, and is now to act as instructor for the company.

Mr. Corbin was born Sept. 17, 1828, near Greene. For some years he resided on a farm which he owned on Hyde street, but about 25 years ago purchased of Fred Osborn the old Ira Seymour farm on the western edge of the village, where he has since made it his home. Besides his farm he owns three or four tenement houses and is a stockholder in the wagon factory. In company with his son-in-law they operate the milk route about town, and occasionally handle car load lots of feed, meal, flour, etc.

ALBRO E. BINGHAM

was born in the town of Greene in 1852. At the age of 12 his people moved to Hyde Settlement, and 18 years ago to Whitney's Point, where he has lived since. He has charge of the milk wagon, is well liked by everybody, and is evidently the right man in the right place. He was united in marriage in 1883 to Miss Jennie Corbin. They have four children, two boys and two girls.

PERRY ADAMS,

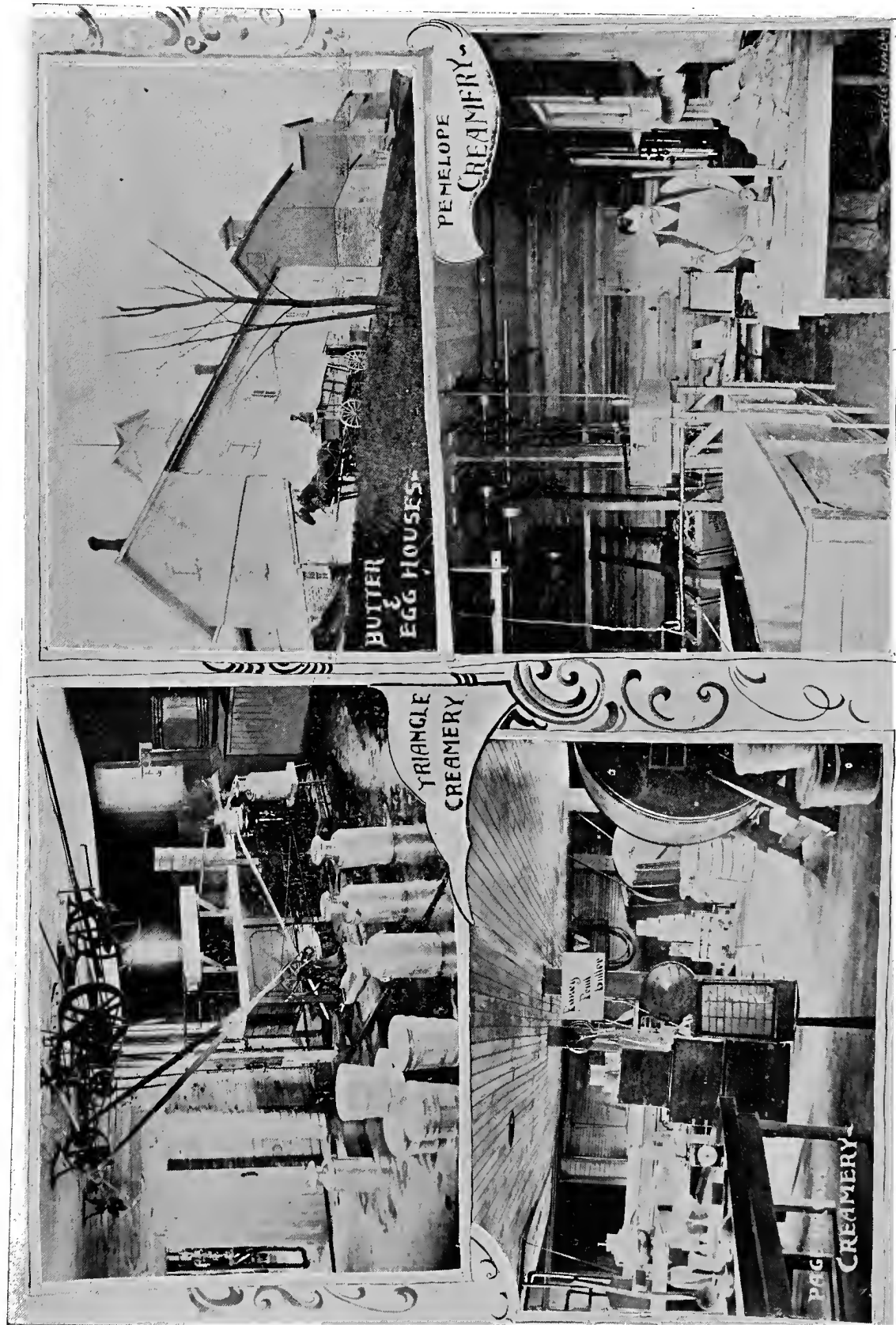
"The aged cooper by the bridge," was born in Hartford county, Conn., in 1827. His family came here and resided on the farm now owned by Mrs. Eldredge on Ticknor brook, where he remained until 1854 when he was married and went to Wisconsin. It was during his residence there that he had the misfortune to break his leg while working in the woods. In 1863 he came back, stopping at Upper Lisle some five years and then coming to Whitney's Point where he has been twenty-nine years, engaged in coopering. He has always been a great worker, never drank whiskey, and always paid his debts. His eldest son Martin, has charge of the affairs of a large ice company, doing a business of \$1,000,000 a year at Tobyhanna, Pa., and his youngest son Frank is a popular clerk in Hills, McLean & Haskins, Binghamton. His only daughter resides at Hoboken, N. J.

A. C. ROBINSON

Now 68 years of age, was born in Delaware county. In early life he resided in various places, but for the past 29 years has been a resident of Whitney's Point, where he expects to spend his remaining days. He is engaged in buying potatoes and fruit.



RESIDENCE AND BUILDINGS OF J. P. CORBIN.



THE PAGE CREAMERIES AND COLD STORAGE HOUSES.



RESIDENCE OF J. R. REILLY.

R. W. WHALEY,

Our popular barber, has been in business here for twenty years. He was born at Lawrenceville, Pa., March 15, 1852, and came to Whitney's Point in 1874. He was first employed in the sash and blind factory for a time and in 1879 began work at his trade. For sixteen years previous to the fire he was located in the Birdsall block and since the completion of the "Big Four" he has occupied rooms over Shanley Bros. He married Miss Hattie Livermore Nov. 2, 1881, and their residence is on Liberty street. Mr. Whaley joined the Masons in 1880 and has ever since taken an active part in the work of the order. For the past seven years he has been Master of Whitney's Point Lodge 795 F. & A. M., and is always well posted on Masonic matters.



RODOLPH W. WHALEY.

PAGE CREAMERY CO.

The accompanying interior views of three of the creameries owned and operated by Mr. A. W. Page will give our readers an idea of the manner in which this business is conducted. It is impossible to show in a single photograph more than a small section of each, and so we supplement the illustration with a short description.

The Page Brook creamery is in charge of Mr. W. E. Greenman, who for sixteen years was in charge of the Elm Tree cheese factory at Triangle, and is now started on its fourth season. At the left may be seen the vats and separator; next, a pile of cases in which pound prints are packed in ice for shipment, then farther to the right in the back ground some five pound "Bradley" boxes which are packed in crates of one dozen each for shipment. In the fore ground a section of the immense revolving butter worker may be seen.

The Penelope creamery is also in its fourth year and is in charge of Mr. Frank Silvernail. To the left may be seen the shafting, vats, etc., and at the right the operator is busy wrapping pound "prints" in parchment paper.

The Triangle creamery was opened this season for the first and is in charge of Mr. Frank J. Wooster. The illustration shows the shafting, receiving vats and separator. Through the doorway to the left a small section of the engine room is visible.

The creamery at German Five Corners is in charge of Mr. Fred Garner and was first operated by Mr. Page last year.

First class modern machinery is in use at each plant and every facility for neat and rapid work is provided.

The separators are the Alpha-DeLaval No. 1 with a capacity of 2,500 lbs. of milk per hour. They are all run by steam power, the boilers being of 10 to 20 horse power and the engines 10 to 15 horse power. After "skimming" the milk is returned to the patrons either sweet or sour as they may elect, and if the latter it is stored in large tanks until wanted.

The revolving churns have a capacity of 400 gallons of cream each and each gallon will produce about one pound of butter.

As mentioned above the butter is packed in pound prints, five pound boxes or regular tubs and in every case the package is lined with parchment paper. The butter is kept in special rooms on ice or cold water pipes until taken to the large cooler house where it is kept at a very low temperature for a short time before shipping in order that it may become thoroughly hardened.

Each creamery is supplied with pure water from either a spring or deep well and all drainage is carried a good distance from the building, thus avoiding the bad odors usually noticeable in such places.

In planning these buildings Mr. Page gave special attention to convenience of arrangement and as a result one man can handle double the milk that is possible with ordinary facilities. The floors are level (with a slight drainage slope) instead of the array of steps and platforms which the average operator is expected to climb around on. The finished product goes to the hotel and grocery trade in several of the large cities.

JAMES B. AHERN

Is a natural born speculator and for several years has been engaged in buying and shipping live stock, potatoes, cabbage, etc. His business extends to many of the surrounding towns and often to other states, while his sales are largely on the New York market. He is assisted by his brother, Wm. G. Ahern.

MICHAEL O'NEIL

Is quite a hustler in the line of heavy team work. He employs the force of men who operate the hay press machinery, doing that work by contract, and keeps three teams busy with outside work. He keeps six to eight men going most of the time and several more in the busy season.

THE MILK STATION

Near the railroad, which is now being rebuilt after the recent fire, has been in operation for over ten years and has furnished a regular cash market for the product of the surrounding country. The milk is shipped in various forms direct to New York City, where the proprietor, Mr. Joseph Laemmle, manages the sale.

JOHN R. REILLY,

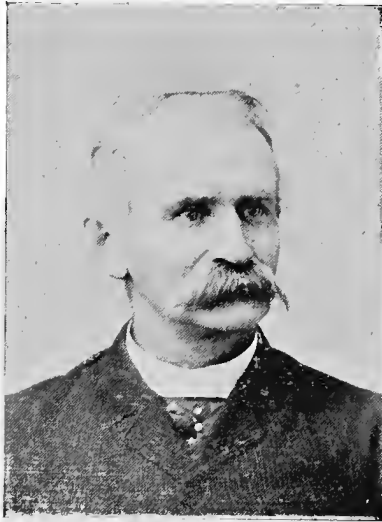
Has been in the employ of the Syracuse, Binghamton & N. Y. R. R. Co. for the past sixteen years and the record of his promotions is ample evidence that his services are highly appreciated. His first engagement with this company was at his native town of Marathon, where he was day operator for three and one-half years. From there he was promoted to the position of station agent at Lisie, where he was located continuously for eleven and one-half years, until July 1, 1897, when he was changed to this station, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. L. N. English. Soon after his appointment here Mr. Reilly purchased of Mr. English the handsome dwelling house on Park street opposite the depot, and also the entire coal business at this station, which with the business of the railroad company and the U. S. Express Co. makes him one of the busiest men in town. He is ably assisted by Chas. Wentworth, day operator, and Merritt Mead of Lisie, night operator.



JOHN R. REILLY.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN C. ARNOLD.



J. C. ARNOLD.

JOHN C. ARNOLD,

Is a man who can use a hammer and saw in a way that arouses the envy of most of the carpenters of this generation. He was born at Owego, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1831, and spent his early life there and at Honesdale, Pa. In 1862-5 he served in the Union army and since then has worked at his trade of carpenter and joiner. His specialty is fine inside work but he has bossed many large building jobs at Binghamton and other places. Several of the finest residences here, and the new Page block show his handiwork. He is an enthusiastic secret society man and belongs to nearly a dozen of them. His residence on East Main street is shown in the accompanying illustration.

For About a Year John Osborn has conducted a shop at the west end of the lower bridge where he does wagon repairing and light machine work.

GEORGE LOVE

Has been a resident of this place for 41 years and during this time, until the fire, with the exception of two years he conducted a blacksmith shop on Main street near the lower bridge. Twenty-five years ago he added a livery business which he has carried on successfully ever since regardless of competition, which at times has been very strong. For two years he conducted the business in the Asa Beach barn near the M. E. church, and in 1875 erected the large barn near the river, which he occupied at the time it was burned. When business was good Mr. Love has kept as high as 16 horses, but at present has only 12. He is now located on the former Nioga block property on Main street where he has recently erected a new house. He also has a feed and hitching stable in connection with his well equipped livery.



DR. W. SPENCER.

OUR DENTISTS.

Or the Men Who Delight in Torturing Other People.

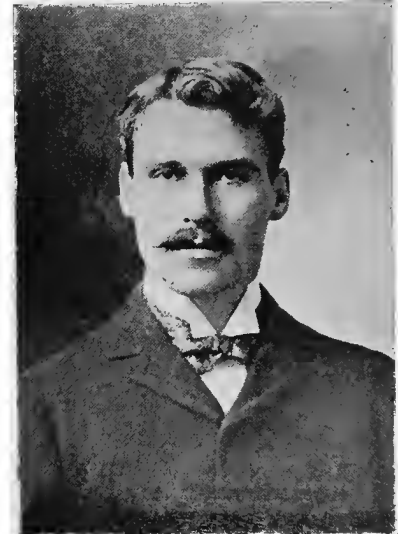
DR. W. SPENCE

bears an enviable reputation and has long stood at the head of the profession in this section. He was born in Virgil in 1855, and brought up on his father's farm in that place. He completed his education at the State Normal School in Cortland, after which he entered the dental office of his uncle, Dr. Adamy at Union, to learn the business. He opened his first office in Lisle in 1878, and a year later bought out Dr. Sweet and moved to Whitney's Point where he remained some twelve or thirteen years.

In 1893 he bought out Dr. Aldrich and removed to Marathon, where he has since resided. He has offices at Marathon, Cincinnati and Whitney's Point and late years finds himself continually driven with work. He visits this place every Friday and still owns a house here, which though badly scorched, was one of the three remaining on a whole square, after the fire.

DR. VICTOR CLAPP

formerly of New York city, is associated with Dr. Spencer and in charge of the Whitney's Point office. He graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1896, after a three years' course, and has since spent much of his time in the practice of his profession in Whitney's Point, where he is winning success, as shown by the continually increasing patronage of the office.



DR. VICTOR CLAPP.

DELOS W. BURDICK

Was born in Linckleau, Chenango county, May 20, 1844. He came to Whitney's Point in 1867 and has been engaged in various enterprises, at one time running the largest grocery business ever in town. Late years he has been dealing in oysters, clams, etc., and since the fire has had the basement of his house, corner Liberty and 119th streets, fitted up for that purpose. He was in the civil war, being a member of the 20th N. Y. Cavalry.

A. CORNELL,

Has made his home in Whitney's Point almost constantly since 1860 when he came here from Friendship, N. Y. He was a tinner by trade and for nearly 20 years worked for S. N. Stone and his predecessors in the corner store. In 1883 he bought out that business and conducted it with unusual success until recently when he sold it to F. E. Nowlan.

For several years Mr. Cornell has dealt in butter and now gives his entire time to that business with headquarters in the Stone block.

The House Painters' Trade has always been well represented and among those now so engaged we note Daniel Butts, a veteran at the business, F. B. Ashley, the artist painter who stands at the head of the profession, Chas. Ballard and A. H. Brown.



RESIDENCE OF DR. A. H. PELLETTE.

A. F. LANDERS,

Has been engaged in the feed business for past two years at their place on West Main street. He has a large store house erected especially for this purpose in which he carries a stock of all kinds of feed; also flour, grain and grass seed. By strict attention to business he has built up a large trade.

A NEW BUSINESS

Has been established recently by Mr. Fred. A. Burghardt, a young man of this place, who is an experienced marble cutter and designer. He is located in the Birdsall building near the depot where he has put in a nice line of marble and granite and is prepared to furnish anything in the line of cemetery work.

Mr. Burghardt has been engaged at this trade for the past nine years, working in shops in this place, Sidney and Trumansburg, and by his long experience is amply qualified to do first class work in this line.

BRAMAN'S MILL.

In May, 1897, Mr. Henry Braman purchased the new grist mill erected the year before by Moffat & Ticknor, on the corner of Liberty and Railroad streets. In addition to custom grinding he does a considerable feed business and has a special switch so that he can unload directly into his storage room.

Mr. Braman operated the mill at Killawog for a long time until it burned some nine years ago. He now resides at Lisle but drives to his business regularly.

WM. UKIN

Has been a resident of this place most of the time since 1881 when he moved here from Lisle. He has worked at his trade steadily during that time with the exception of a few months spent in England over a year ago, from which country he came in 1871. For nine years previous to the fire he resided and conducted his shop in rooms over Shanley Bros. in the old Collins store. He is now located in the Bennett building opposite McCallum's marble shop on Main street.

This Souvenir Edition was planned principally to leave a record of our great fire, and show the remarkable growth of a new town which has sprung up Phoenix like from its ashes. The expense of publishing such an issue is between \$300 and \$400, and the venture is only made possible by the hearty co-operation and liberality of our business men and citizens in advertising, furnishing cuts and writing articles. We believe we are not overstepping the bounds of truth when we say that nowhere else could be found gathered together such an enterprising class of people.

Merchandizing on a Large Scale.

A brief description of Binghamton's greatest dry goods and carpet store will certainly interest our readers. We refer to the mammoth establishment of Hills, McLean & Haskins, situated on the corner of Court and Chenango streets, Binghamton. Their floor space has been more than doubled this spring, new departments have been added, and the firm is now entitled to first rank in the county, in fact their new store has no equal between New York and Buffalo. It occupies 27,000 square feet of floor space, main floor and basement, has a frontage of about 200 feet and a depth of 160 feet on both Court and Chenango streets, with a perfect light in every department, of which there are forty on one floor. The elegant mirrors, counters, fittings, etc., are all of the best and up to date in every particular, and the interior presents a beautiful and palatial appearance. The latest plans include putting in a tea room and ladies waiting room, with toilets and other modern conveniences. Such a room would be highly appreciated, especially by out of town customers. In consequence of their enterprise the firm is this year making a large increase in business over any previous year.

It was sixteen years ago that the firm of Hills, McLean & Haskins commenced business in a modest store and with a modest stock, on Court street. They were very liberal advertisers, soon taking the lead among the city merchants, and they never overstated facts or deceived the public in any way. Their announcements breathed an air of honesty and sincerity that made them hosts of friends and brought great crowds of buyers to their store, and they prospered and grew as no other store in the city has ever done to our knowledge. They made friends of all who came, and their policy from the beginning has been to carefully and honestly look after the wants of their customers, and to handle only good reliable goods, selling them at the lowest consistent prices.

Only one member of the original firm now remains—Wm. M. McLean—a gentleman of high christian character, great industry and good business ability, and to him much of the success of the firm is due in the later years.

Two Traits of Whitney's Point Citizens will commend themselves to lovers of humanity and the world at large. The first is that there is no aristocracy—the poorest man of good morals is as highly esteemed as the wealthiest, and all are on a common level of good fellowship. The second is their great kindness during sickness or trouble. Strangers coming here notice this latter trait particularly and many have said they never have lived among such good people before. Literally, lovingly and kindly they fulfill the Master's words: "I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me."

PHILO H. LANDERS,

Was born in the town of Willet June 13th, 1857, and lived on the home farm until twenty-four years old, when he was married and lived for six years at Upper Lisle. He afterwards resided for four years at Triangle and the past six years has been a resident of Whitney's Point. He is considered a man of sound judgment and excellent business ability.

Mr. Landers has been engaged in several occupations. He taught school twelve terms, was farming for several years, and is at present handling butter of the finest grades besides doing some speculating. He is quite a horseman and generally drives a fine team as can be found in this section. He was supervisor of Triangle for two terms (in 1891 & 92) is a member of the present school board and for the past five years has been the efficient treasurer of the Broome County Agricultural Society.

ARTHUR H. PELLETTE, M. D.

Dr. A. H. Pellette is a native of Nanticoke, son of Nathan and Mercy (Morgan) Pellette. His father was a well-to-do farmer and trader, and was from Massachusetts. His mother was the daughter of Halsey Morgan, one of the old settlers of Broome county. Arthur had the misfortune to be orphaned early in life, but he remained in Nanticoke attending school until his fourteenth year, when he completed his studies at the Cortland Normal school and Lowell's Business College. For a time he studied medicine with Dr. Guy of Maine, and afterwards went to the New York Homeopathic Medical College. Graduating there in the class of 1880, he was appointed to the hospital on Ward island and continued his connection with the college hospital for a time. He has since been located at VanEttenville, Nanticoke, Maine and Lestershire, trading with Dr. S. P. Allen and removing to Whitney's Point in July, 1895.

The doctor has been uniformly successful in his practice here, and at some seasons of the year is compelled to ride night and day. He is now in the prime of life, being forty years of age. He is quite interested in public affairs and fraternal societies and is foreman of the S. E. Birdsall Hose Co. and an active member of the Red Men and Masons. His residence was among the buildings to go in the great fire of April 23d, and he has since bought the former Dr. Gridley house and lot and this spring erected a commodious barn on the premises.

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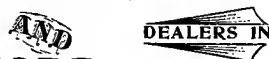
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